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OBITUARY

GEORGE LAURENCE CARDY, B.Sc.

HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS 1955-67.

The untimely death of Mr. Cardy on 3rd November, following an operation, comes as a sad loss to all who knew him at Baines.

His enthusiasm for his subject and his qualities as a teacher gained him the respect and gratitude of those he taught, and reflected themselves in the 'A' Level Results, Open Scholarships and high academic successes gained by many of his pupils; his varied interests, enquiring mind and considered opinions made him an esteemed colleague in the Staff Common Room.

Educated at Firth Park Grammar School, Sheffield, Mr. Cardy graduated at Sheffield University, and served during the war as a Technical Officer in the Royal Air Force in the Middle East and Mediterranean Theatres.

Before coming to Baines, he held teaching appointments in Norwich and Leicestershire, and had for many years been an Examiner in Mathematics for the Cambridge Examination Board.

Mr. Cardy took an active part in many aspects of School life. He worked on the construction of the Pavilion, camped on a number of occasions with the School in the Lake District, acted as Treasurer to the School Dramatic Society and was internal auditor of School accounts.

He found great satisfaction in the fullness of his life, and in the opportunities he made for service to others. He was Secretary and Treasurer of the Church Council in his Parish.

At a Service held at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Grange Park, on 6th November, the School was represented by the Headmaster, past and present members of the Staff, senior pupils and members of the Old Boys' Association. The Lesson was read by the Senior Prefect, R. Hedgeland.

We record his passing as a tragic loss to the School, and to his widow and son we extend our deep sympathy in their bereavement.

J.C.

OBITUARY

IAN CHARLES CONNOR 1963-67.

Ian came to the School in 1963, and left, after gaining five 'O' Level awards in the G.C.E. Examination, in July, 1967.

His premature death in August after a motor-cycle accident at Cleveleys was a sad sequel to his career at Baines.

To his parents the School offers its deep sympathy.

EDITORIAL

On behalf of the School we wish to acknowledge the following gifts of books for the School Library: from Mr. K. S. Entwistle, three volumes of *Engineering Workshop Practice*; from J. R. Seddon a book entitled *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism*; from K. L. Thoday two books on Biology.

J. Fail has presented to the School the Heraldic Shield of the London School of Economics. To all these donors the School returns thanks.

We acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the following School Magazines: *The Arnoldian*, Blackpool Grammar School Magazine, Collegiate School for Girls' Magazine, Elmslie School Magazine, *The Georgian*, *The Kirkhamian*, Wigan Grammar School Magazine.

BY THE WAY

At the end of an October such as we have just enjoyed, if that is the appropriate word, it is hard to recall the pleasures of the "Summer game." One that we do distinctly recollect is that of reading many times of an Old Boy's successes with the Blackpool Cricket Team. Geoff. Clarkson enjoyed a very good season with the First Eleven, had very fine bowling performances in a number of games and was selected for the County Second Eleven during the course of the season. Congratulations to him on his achievements.

The A.T.C., too, very literally is "flying high." No fewer than seven members of the Squadron have now gained their gliding "wings," and Sgt. Murty has completed successfully the minimum of thirty hours powered flying which qualifies him for the award of a Civilian Pilot's A Licence.

The long and notable undefeated run of the First Eleven has come, alas, to an end, as we all knew in our hearts it must inevitably do, but the team is still a power in Lancashire Schools football, and Bamber, as reserve goalkeeper, Baxendale, Caygill and Mercer, have all been selected for the North Lancs. Grammar School Team.

Professor A. H. Beckett, of the Department of Pharmacy, Chelsea College of Science and Technology, caused some stir in sporting circles recently by his call for spot-checks to prevent dope-taking in Football. Professor Beckett, who serves on the medical committees of F.I.F.A. and the Olympic Games Committee, may be an Old Boy of Baines Grammar School, but we can inform him categorically that not the smallest portion of Baines' traditional prowess on the football field derives from "training preparations" emanating from Mr. Green's laboratory.

Another Old Boy, David C. Flenley, has been in San Francisco for some months furthering his medical studies, having been awarded a Fellowship from the Medical Research Council.

We ask all Old Boys who have news which would be of interest to the School and its past members, even if it concerns their own successes, to subdue their natural modesty and inform us of it. We should be delighted to hear, for example, from the numerous ex-Baines students who are scattered throughout the country at Universities old and new, and believe that "University Letters" would be interesting, entertaining and, perhaps, helpful and instructive to students still at school who remember the writers.

To Mr. Rawes, sometime Senior English Master at the School, go our best wishes for a speedy recovery to his usual good health.

TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 1967—1968

Autumn Term:

Re-open: Thursday, 7th September, 1967.

Close: Thursday, 21st December, 1967 (Noon).

Half-Term:

Closed on Friday, 27th October; Monday, 30th October; Tuesday, 31st October, 1967.

Spring Term:

Re-open: Tuesday, 9th January, 1968.

Close: Wednesday, 10th April, 1968.

Half-Term:

Closed on Monday, 26th February; Tuesday, 27th February, 1968.

Summer Term:

Re-open: Tuesday, 30th April, 1968.

Close: Thursday, 18th July, 1968 (Noon).

Half-Term:

Closed for the week commencing Monday, 3rd June, to Friday, 7th June, 1968.

Plus one other day's holiday during Summer Term.

School re-opens on Thursday, 5th September, 1968.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS, 1967—1968

Senior Prefect: R. HEDGELAND.

Deputy Senior Prefect: P. N. GILBERT.

Prefects:

J. D. Ackroyd, G. R. Bamber, D. M. Baxendale, A. J. Birtwell, S. Brown, C. Clayton, T. M. Eaton, R. J. Fisher, M. J. Hart, W. S. Y. Hanham, P. M. Holt, W. D. Kings, J. Leadbetter, J. A. Lord, P. R. Maund, J. D. Mercer, J. K. Murty, C. Pegden, G. Postlethwaite, D. T. Rowe, C. M. Rumke, M. J. Wilson.

School Society:

Treasurer: P. N. Gilbert.

HOUSE OFFICIALS

Founder's House:

House Masters: Messrs. Tomlinson, Mitchell, Fielding, Lawrenson, Tortoiseshell, Lockton.

House Captain: J. D. Mercer. Vice-Captain: G. Bamber.

Secretary: P. R. Maund.

Football Captain: D. G. Burrows. Swimming Captain: P. W. Yates.

Hodgson House:

House Masters: Messrs. Astell, Marsh, Ward, Leadbetter, Pryce, Marsden, Goulding, Pilkington.

House Captain: P. N. Gilbert.

Vice-Captain: D. T. Rowe.

Secretary: A. N. Blythe.

Football Captain: M. J. Hillman.

Swimming Captain: J. H. Phillipson.

Hibbert House:

House Masters: Messrs. Paterson, Charnley, Smith, Gregson, Slater, Ridley, Roberts.

House Captain: R. Hedgeland.

Vice-Captain: M. J. Hart.

Secretary: D. R. Seal.

Football Captain: N. A. Caygill.

Swimming Captain: P. M. Holt.

Whittington House:

House Masters: Messrs. Hood, Moulding, Hick, Thompson, Green, Bradley, Moss, Colledge.

House Captain: D. M. Baxendale.

Vice-Captain: G. Postlethwaite.

Secretary: A. D. Townsend.

Football Captain: G. Postlethwaite.

Swimming Captains: M. P. Lucas and D. Garner.

HONOURS LIST, APPOINTMENTS, Etc.

M. F. Aldersley (1959-65): Magdalene College, Cambridge, Nat. Sc. Tripos, Part 1A, 1st. Class. Awarded College Prize for Natural Science.

A. W. Benbow (1957-64): B.Sc., Class II, Div. ii, Chemistry, Bristol University.

J. P. S. Blundell (1957-64): B.Pharm., Class II, Div. i, Bradford University.

- D. R. Cullingworth (1959-65): Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Nat. Sc. Tripos, Part 1A, 2nd Class.
- W. L. Dewhurst (1958-66): Downing College, Cambridge, Mathematics Tripos, Part 1A, 3rd Class.
- J. D. Edge (1955-62): B.A., Class II, Pembroke College, Oxford, Biochemistry.
- K. P. Gerrity (1959-67): Thomas Bartlett Scholarship, Engineering, Liverpool University.
- I. Murphy (1958-64): Diploma of Carnegie College of Physical Education (Distinctions in Principles of Physical Education and Practical Teaching). Awarded the C.O.S.A. Prize for the Outstanding Student of 1966-67. Certificate of Education (with Distinction) of the Leeds University Institute of Education.
- J. A. Naylor (1956-63): B.Sc., Class II, Div. i., Applied Chemistry, Salford University.
- D. E. Penny (1957-64): B.Sc., Class II, Div. ii, Chemistry, Leeds University.
- B. Ramsden (1957-64): B.Sc., Class II, Div. ii, Chemistry, Manchester University.
- D. Scholes (1957-63): B.Sc. (Hons.), Chemistry, Liverpool University.
- D. H. Thompson (1957-63): B.Sc., Class III, Chemistry, Manchester University.
- A. J. Tootill (1958-66): Selwyn College, Cambridge, Mathematics Tripos, Part 1A, 1st Class. Awarded College Prize for Mathematics.
- D. Reddyhough (1957-64): B.Sc. (Hons.), Physics, Birmingham University. Appointed Assistant Lecturer in Physics, University of Khartoum.

SPEECH DAY

The Annual Speech Day and Presentation of Prizes took place on Thursday, 19th October, 1967, in the Winter Gardens Pavilion, Blackpool. The prizes were presented by R. Sharpe France, Esq., M.A., County Archivist for Lancashire. The Chairman of the proceedings was County Alderman J. R. Hull, C.B.E., Chairman, Lancashire Education Committee, Chairman of the Governing Body.

In his report, the Headmaster pointed out that 1967 was the official 250th anniversary of the Foundation of the School and that we were fortunate in having for our Guest Speaker, Mr. Sharpe France, Archivist to the County of Lancaster and the Keeper of its Historical Records and Documents. No one was better qualified to speak about the history of the school. The past ten years had been stirring times in education and one might expect to find that a review of the latest decade in the School's

history would be an exciting story of dramatic change. This was not so. The School had continued to evolve naturally, modifying its curriculum in subtle ways as Grammar Schools had done for centuries. There had been varying speculations about the future function of Baines, but selected boys had continued to be admitted each September at Eleven + and the impression, in retrospect, was one of continuity and tradition, of organic change rather than revolution. In the human processes of learning and education this was how it should be. It was impossible to assess the contribution of the School in the last ten years in terms of productivity or 'returns'. The business of a school was with human values which could not be measured in any statistical way, but boys knew what the teaching and influence, advice and example of a School Staff might mean and they and their parents often acknowledged it. Our 'Results' in the narrower sense over the last ten years were more easily assessable: 300 boys sent to the Universities, 15 Open Scholarships gained, mainly to Cambridge, Cadetships won to all the Service Colleges, and large numbers of boys continuing their education in Colleges of Technology and Colleges of Education. Our reputation as a Soccer school had been enhanced, our Athletics much developed, and a host of flourishing School Societies indicated exceptional activity in the non-academic interests of the School. Outside trends and opinions had, of course, affected the School, which reflected the changes in society generally, but Baines remained a good School and there was no reason to doubt that the next 250 years would be equally successful.

Mr. Sharpe France wondered what exactly was the 250 years' story that we commemorated. Certain facts were undisputed: the founding of the School, probably about 1708, the death of the Founder in 1717. Francis Baines, father of John, James and Robert, had left his sons property valued at something over two hundred pounds, of which James Baines received eighty pounds. Educated, probably, at Garstang, James was apprenticed to a wool mercer at Poulton, and in the terms of the will he himself eventually executed could be read something of the quality of the man and his life. His goods at his death were valued at £2,684 of which no less than £2,359 was out on loan. 'Bad debts' accounted for £233 and his books, his horse and some miscellaneous items accounted for a further £92. His clothing was valued at £8. Only one conventionally 'valuable' article appears on the list, a silver tankard. The picture we visualised was one of a serious-minded, thrifty man who clearly knew the value of money. It was a picture, too, of an educated philanthropist who certainly appreciated the value of education. He endowed three schools, in Thornton, Marton and Hardhorn-Newton, which were intended to teach their pupils three basic skills: to read, to write and to cast accounts. James Baines understood that one of the functions of education is to teach people to teach themselves. Mr. Sharpe France illustrated

interestingly the indivisibility of Past, Present and Future, and spoke of the lessons that an understanding of History could teach. In studying History we could hear the voice of human experience, and it was often a voice to which it was very worthwhile to listen.

A Vote of Thanks to Mr. Sharpe France was proposed by the Senior Prefect, R. Hedgeland.

The proceedings concluded with a short musical programme under the direction of Mr. West.

SCHOLARSHIPS, ADMISSIONS AND AWARDS, 1967

Scholarships:

Open Scholarship in Mathematics and Physics, Downing College, Cambridge: J. A. Deft.

Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Magdalene College, Cambridge: K. F. Johnson.

John Sykes Dewhurst Scholarship:

R. Hedgeland.

R.A.F. Sixth Form Scholarship:

J. K. Murty.

University Admissions:

Cambridge—Selwyn College: S. E. Reynolds. Trinity Hall: D. H. Wyatt.

London—Imperial College: A. A. Cooper, R. Head, J. P. Smith, B. J. Rothwell. University College: A. D. Olsen. School of Economics: J. Fail.

Aston: B. Smith.

Bath: R. J. F. Thompson.

Durham: A. J. Hilton.

East Anglia: D. Thornton.

Exeter: J. Parkinson.

Keele: J. S. Gould.

Liverpool: K. P. Gerrity, M. A. Seaman.

Manchester: D. Woods.

Newcastle: P. F. Eccles.

Nottingham: G. R. Jenkinson, W. G. Lockwood.

Salford: P. J. Castle.

Sheffield: C. Harriman, A. C. Thompson, S. J. Brierley.

Southampton: N. Willoughby.

St. Andrews: W. G. Adams.

Sussex: B. Bonney.

Swansea: B. Gilbert, J. Fouweather.

College Admissions:

Colleges of Education:

Carnegie: M. S. Richmond.

Loughborough: C. J. Smith, D. Boydell.

Borough Road: D. A. Scott.

Goldsmith's College: E. Tweedale.

Colleges of Commerce and Technology and Student Apprenticeships:

Harris College, Preston: P. A. Smith, R. H. Hirst, G. G. Croft.

Blackpool: C. Maine, J. R. Seddon.

Salford: D. C. McCulloch.

Bolton: D. A. Rees.

Ealing: D. B. Chambers.

PRIZE LIST

FORM AND MERIT PRIZES

Form 1s: 1, S. Walker; 2, A. McAteer; Merit, J. J. Eastham.

Form 1m: 1, F. Hardman; 2, K. A. Mitchell; Merit, A. W. Dodd.

Form 1x: 1, C. M. Jones; 2, G. P. O'Keefe; Merit, R. W. Morrison.

Form 2s: 1, M. K. Roberts; 2, A. D. Maddox.

Form 2m: 1, P. D. P. Skinner; 2, R. Davies.

Form 2x: 1, A. P. Hitchen; 2, J. S. Duddington.

Third Forms: R. N. Dalton, C. R. Farrar, R. S. Fox, P. A. Harrison, P. R. Leonard, S. C. Murphy, G. A. Shorrocks, G. Till.

Fourth Forms: P. R. Brough, P. Caley, R. Fox, C. P. Houghton, S. P. Pickover, S. C. Redhead, J. M. J. Valentine, S. E. Varley.

SPECIAL AND ENDOWED PRIZES

Henry Fox Riley Bequest: Fifth Form Prizes—L. W. Armitage, J. R. Catterall, S. J. Haworth, B. H. Johnson, J. M. Pearson, D. R. Seal, A. D. Townsend, K. R. Wyncoll.

Alec Poole Memorial Prize: Upper Sixth Arts Prize—J. Fouweather.

Sir William Hodgson Memorial Prize for Science: Upper Sixth Science Prize—J. P. Smith.

F. Barrow Robinson Memorial Prize: Lower Sixth Arts Prize—C. M. Rumke, P. Brown.

Richard Place Memorial Prize: Lower Sixth Science Prize—A. J. Birtwell, M. J. Hart, J. H. Phillipson, M. J. Wilson.

Roland Darbyshire Prize for Mathematics: J. P. Smith.

Leo M. Ball Memorial Prize for Physics: K. P. Gerrity.

David N. Bishop Memorial Prize for Chemistry: W. G. Lockwood, D. Woods.

David Flenley Prize for Biology: N. G. Willoughby.

Keith Bamber Memorial Prize for English: R. Hedgeland.

F. J. Stafford Memorial Prize for Languages: D. B. Chambers.

G. C. Bishop Prize for History: M. P. Bond.

Mrs. Keirby's Prize for Technical Science: R. A. Wardale.

Sixth Form Geography Prize: J. Fouweather.

A. C. Okell Prize for Art: I. Holdsworth.

The Tomlinson Memorial Prize: School Magazine—J. R. Seddon.

Richard Thompson Memorial Prize: Photographic Soc.—R. J. F. Thompson.

Public Speaking Prizes:

(Bolton-Newton Prize): Senior School—J. A. Deft.

(Harold Mason Prize): Middle School—C. H. Hamer; Junior School—S. Walker.

Debating Prizes: Senior—S. E. Reynolds; Junior—G. A. Shorrocks.

Public Service Prizes: J. A. Deft, P. N. Gilbert, K. Jeffery, G. Lawton, C. M. Rumke.

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Five Subjects: J. Bellwood, N. J. Bradshaw, A. S. Crawforth, C. H. Hamer, P. J. Holliday, G. Lawton, A. R. Shakespeare, I. C. Connor, I. N. Holloway, M. N. Lees, D. J. Slimon, R. Bradshaw.

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Additional Subjects—Sixth Form: G. R. Bamber, S. J. Brierley, D. Boydell, J. D. Clarke, K. P. Gerrity, J. S. Gould, P. A. Holme, K. G. Marshall, P. R. Maund, J. P. Smith, D. Vickers, A. P. Whiteley, B. Bonney, A. A. Cooper, R. Head, A. J. Hilton, W. G. Lockwood, D. C. McCulloch, J. Parkinson, B. J. Rothwell, N. G. Willoughby, D. Woods, B. Bollington, M. P. Bond, P. J. Castle, G. G. Croft, P. F. Eccles, J. Fail, R. A. Fletcher, J. Fouweather, C. D. Harriman, R. Hedgeland, J. A. Lord, C. Maine, A. D. Olsen, D. A. Scott, M. A. Seaman, J. R. Seddon, A. C. Thompson, E. Tweedale, also P. Brown, D. Garner, J. Leadbetter, T. G. P. Leech, C. M. Rumke, R. Williams (in Geology).

Additional Subjects—Fifth Form: D. G. Burrows, H. A. I. Johnson, S. G. Rae, I. Rankin, G. Sharrock, S. D. Smithson.

Additional Subjects—Fourth Form: P. Croft, C. J. Fletcher, R. Fox, C. P. Houghton, E. B. Maclean, I. M. Mitchell, K. J. Parkin, A. A. Porter, S. C. Redhead, P. R. Relph, S. Rossall, D. G. Thompson, S. E. Varley, P. R. Brough, P. Caley, J. Garner, W. Miller, A. T. Peet, P. M. Preston, M. F. Taylor, J. S. L. Williams, A. N. Brierley, J. R. Hunt.

THE HOUSES

Founder's House

This term's report is overshadowed by the great loss we have suffered by the death of Mr. Cardy, a Founder's Housemaster for twelve years. Many of our boys have cause to remember his firm but kindly guidance and patience in the classroom, and the interests of the House were always prominent in his mind. His assistance, balanced judgement and support will be sorely missed in House affairs as in those of the School at large.

We must also note with regret the death of I. C. Connor shortly after taking the G.C.E. 'O' Level examination in July—the third Founder's senior to die by accident soon after leaving School in recent years. He had represented the House occasionally in the Athletics and Cross-Country events.

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It was obvious at the time of the last issue that Founder's was destined to retain the Cock House Championship. A decisive victory in the Athletic Sports, accompanied by the Cricket Championship, gave us a 100 per cent. record for the year, and all who worked for Founder's deserve the House's thanks. This year we have won the Football Cup, winning seven of the nine matches, losing only to Hibbert in the Senior series; one Middle School match remains to be played, against Hodgson, the result of which will be significant in determining the runners-up. A special word for the Juniors, who scored thirty goals in their three games (which is *not* a record!).

We had to take second place to Whittington, however, in the Swimming Championship at the Derby Baths, in spite of the success of Calvey, the Middle School champion, who won all his events. We must therefore try to win the Cross-Country next term to increase our lead.

H.E.T.

Hibbert House

An event as yet quite fresh in our memories is the Annual Swimming Sports held at the Derby Baths. It was perhaps a little disappointing to find that after trying so valiantly we were defeated quite heavily, despite the good example set by the Captain, R. Hedgeland, who won the Senior Championship.

The Senior Football Team may be congratulated on their efforts, having secured first place. The Juniors, however, were not so fortunate since, despite their strenuous attempts, they fought in vain, attaining only third place.

The results of the Middle School Football are as yet uncertain since the House has played only two matches, winning one and losing the other; we are, however, looking forward eagerly to the final result.

We also congratulate our Captain on gaining an admission to Downing College, Cambridge.

D. R. SEAL, L VI Sc. I.

Hodgson House

Since the start of the term the Football and Swimming Championships have been contested. The swimming result was disappointing although there were several notable performances, especially by Conroy, who finished second in the Middle School Championship, and by the Middle School Relay Team that finished a very creditable second.

In the Football Competition the House teams played commendably and the House is assured of at least third position with one game outstanding. The majority of points were gained by the Junior and Middle School teams and the Seniors, despite brave efforts against very strong opposition, gained only a small percentage of the House points.

We hope for better things in the forthcoming competitions of the Spring and Summer terms.

A. N. BLYTHE, L VI Arts.

Whittington House

The results of the Football Competition are very disappointing, and we can only hope for better things in the future.

Our situation is, however, somewhat alleviated by our brilliant success in the Swimming Sports held at the Derby Baths. Thanks to the efforts of our members, we obtained the amazing score of 117 points. The nearest behind us was Founder's, with 86 points—a clear lead to us of 31 points. The names of Dillon, Wendt and Lucas must be mentioned in this connection, but our success is due mainly to sustained interest and a large number of entrants; in no race were we unrepresented, and in most we had more than one entrant. This quality is particularly demonstrated by the squadron races, of which we won two and came second in the third.

It is too early to judge what the results of the Cock House Championship will be, but we look forward expectantly to the competitions of the next two terms.

A. D. TOWNSEND, L VI A.

SCHOOL TRIP TO BAD ISCHL

At about 9.0 p.m. on the twelfth of August forty hardy Baines' scholars set off on the arduous journey to Bad Ischl in Austria, accompanied by Mr. Marsh and his wife, Mr. Pryce, and Mr. and Mrs. Harris. After a nine hour coach journey, dotted

with sleeps, stops at transport cafts for egg and chips, and wandering round Dover for a couple of hours, we had a breakfast which affected our seaworthiness on the rather rough crossing. In fact, there was a force eight gale.

At Ostend, we met our courier and driver, André and André. We went down the autobahn. We passed through Brussels and on to Rochefort, our night's halt. We then drove through the Ardennes and into Luxembourg, where we stopped a while. After a trip through industrial France, we got to Nancy for lunch and soon after crossed the Rhine into Germany, where our destination was Löhr. The next day the autobahn took us to Bad Ischl.

While at Bad Ischl, we visited many places of interest, such as Berchtesgaden, in Germany, Hitler's Eagle Nest, after which we were soaked in a Bishop's Water Garden. Certain more 'matured' members of the party suffered more than the rest. We rode in several cable cars, which gave a few members of the party air sickness. A certain claustrophobic Welshman was unwilling to enter a salt mine, which the rest of us visited dressed in surplus Siberian uniforms. At other times we went up the Dachstein, and saw some snow. We visited Salzburg, city of a thousand spires, and, too soon, the time came to return home.

The return journey was mainly uneventful, except in the Rhine Valley, with its castles, where we almost hit a Volkswagen while overtaking some performing bears. We spent one night at Frankfurt and the other at Blankenberghe, passing Bruges, the Venice of the North, on the way. Our sea voyage was calm, the Customs Officer saw our innocent faces and let us through with no formalities, and we coached to Poulton, to arrive at 10 o'clock, after a swift journey, including a halt in London. Mr. Pryce and Mr. Marsh and their assistants deserve medals for their self-control if not for their fortitude; Mrs. Harris valiantly climbed up to some ice caves, while our 'leaders' waited below.

J. M. PEARSON, L VI Sc. I,
J. R. CATTERALL, L VI Sc. II.

STRATFORD, 3rd—5th October

Our party set off from the School gates just as the remaining boys were entering upon their daily education. We, however, were off to be educated in a far more leisurely and pleasant manner, watching Shakespeare as it should be performed. On the way down we stopped in Birmingham for lunch and in Warwick to view the castle—which few, if any, of us did.

When we arrived in Stratford, having first dropped Mr. Fielding and the Upper Sixth Formers off at their guest house, we proceeded to our own—which we found to our delight (and, needless to say, our surprise) to be excellent. When we were changed and handsome we all met for our evening meal and then

proceeded to our first play. This was a splendid performance of *Romeo and Juliet*, which was extremely popular with all the boys, as was its star, Estelle Kohler.

On the following day, when we had set off on the annual visit to Chipping Campden, we were rudely assaulted by a large and particularly malicious looking lorry which gouged out a great hole in our coach. Consequently we did not arrive at our destination—which relieved us all as we knew everything about the place from 'Suaveperson's' description of it last year, and we were given an hour off with which to acquaint ourselves with the village we were in. This place proved to have a main street, a square, numerous Anglo-Saxon bones, and several pubs, one of which was the housing place for the bones.

When we had arrived back in Stratford we were allowed the rest of the morning as free time, and many of us availed ourselves of the opportunities for boating on the Avon which, considering the abundance of girls who had the same idea, proved to be a not unentertaining experience. In the afternoon we saw the play, *Macbeth*, which many of us thought, especially as Paul Scofield was playing the title rôle, a little disappointing. However, our despondency at this was soon lifted by a sparkling performance of *All's Well That Ends Well* in the evening.

Having eaten our final breakfast, on the fifth, we were obliged to pack and leave our hostelry, and having had the morning free, we went to the magnificent theatre for the last time. The play we saw, *Coriolanus*, was in the opinion of many of us the best production, and proved a fitting climax to our trip. When we had eaten our evening meal we repaired to our noble coach, now also repaired, and started on the long journey home. This rapidly resolved itself into a riot . . . of song, as we strained lustily at all the ballads we knew—well, nearly all! The severe discomfort one of us suffered, natural enough under the circumstances, was alleviated by the stop at Keele, and then he, too, was able to add his voice to the general clamour.

The trip was so successful that the one complaint lodged was that it was over—but it will remain a happy memory for a long time yet. Therefore, both for the trip and for the happy memory, our thanks go out to Messrs. Fielding and Lawrenson without whom we would have had neither.

C. HAMER, L VI Arts.

R.S.C. IN "MACBETH"

It was with great anticipation that we went on the Wednesday afternoon to see what is perhaps Shakespeare's most spectacular tragedy. That, by the end, every member of the party was in some way dissatisfied, proves the need for the audience to make an impact on the actors. If the audience is not appreciative, then the only result can be a poor performance.

There were no great anomalies in the production itself. *Macbeth* himself was not as rough-hewn and as warlike as he might have been, but this in no way absorbed the dramatic impact. The chief fault lay perhaps in the pace of the play: the overall effect was one of diffuse and complex events, rather than a tightly drawn plot rising to an inexorable climax. One doubts that this was a fault inherent in the production. Rather was it a failing on the part of the audience to stimulate the players into giving their best.

The atmosphere was wonderfully created by subtle use of lighting and electronic sound. The ubiquitous supernatural element came off better than we had dared hope. Unfortunately, the audience was in no mood for half-measures. They wanted real blood, real witches, and even a real ghost. Now it is a well-known fact that an audience at a matinee is less likely to be intellectually absorbed, but the group of which we were privileged (?) to be a part, consisted almost entirely, it seemed, of hordes of immature, giggling schoolgirls, who were determined to laugh at every point as if the play were a farce. Nurtured in the cinema, they no doubt expected realism to predominate.

As any theatregoer knows, *Macbeth* is particularly delicate in this respect. Fights with two-handed swords, and the Birnam Wood scene can easily look ridiculous, but the fact that in this production they were remarkably successful did not seem to deter those who had come to laugh in the wrong places.

Playwrights have long since ceased to worry over the problem of reality. And is the creation of an 'artificial' reality an escape for the unimaginative audience? Indeed, it is not, for we must learn to accept great works as their creators meant them, and believe in them as they are. That is what distinguishes them from small and casual art.

J. A. LORD, U VI A.

"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL"

The visit to this play was regarded with slight apprehension by some of the 1966 Stratford trip. After seeing the brilliant production of *Twelfth Night* in which Diana Rigg played a major rôle, *All's Well* could have been somewhat of a let-down. In fact, the presentation was in every way equal and gave a tremendous amount of amusement to the audience.

Estelle Kohler, playing Helena, interpreted the part magnificently, as did Ian Richardson, her husband Bertram. Neither let slip an opportunity to amuse the audience, and, at times, it appeared as though the producer was extracting more humour out of the play than Shakespeare had seen. For many in the audience, however, Captain Parolles stole their admiration. Played by Clive Swift, Parolles was a soldier of fortune, who exaggerated everything he did and hardly ever spoke without

bringing a tumult of laughter from the audience. The climax of his part came when Bertram's friends, pretending to be foreigners, forced Parolles to beg for his life and showed him to be a coward who would betray his side to save himself. The whole party was very sorry that Clive Swift was indisposed and unable to play the part of the Porter in *Macbeth*. We should have liked to see more of him.

This is not one of Shakespeare's high comedies and, as a result, it is not very well known. The humour was down to earth and for the most part bawdy, and in places it became no more than a farce. These points, however, in no way diminished the enjoyment, and did, in fact, contribute to it. The whole party thoroughly enjoyed the performance, even though two of our members were foiled in their attempts to sketch Estelle Kohler's attire through lack of light.

C. M. RUMKE, U VI A.

"ROMEO AND JULIET"

After dining in Stratford for the first time, we made our way to the theatre, in high hopes of seeing an outstanding production of our first play, Shakespeare's famous *Romeo and Juliet*.

Throughout the evening we remained engrossed in the play, owing to the brilliance of the production. Estelle Kohler (Juliet) interpreted her part with great zest and realism, and Ian Holm (Romeo) also performed brilliantly. But the supporting cast is not to go without mention. Mercutio, Norman Rodway, was the liveliest and most amusing character in the play, but unfortunately came to an early and acutely painful end, much to the disappointment and amusement of the audience. Indeed it was Mercutio and his cronies, and Juliet's nurse, Elizabeth Spriggs, who provided the play's humour, which at times was very bawdy. Sebastian Shaw (Friar Laurence) also gave a memorable performance, as did all the cast. So brilliant was the performance that even the reserved and highly critical *Punch* called it a "triumphant production" in its theatre review.

But the performance came to an end all too soon, and we left the theatre, having seen a most enthralling production of Shakespeare's great tragedy.

J. WOODWARD, L VI Arts.

R.S.C.'s PRODUCTION OF "CORIOLANUS"

This was the last production which we saw at Stratford. Most of us were hazily familiar with the plot, having in our Form Two days read the story in Mr. Snook's Latin Grammar. From the somewhat stiff seats, high up in the gallery, we had an excellent view of the performance.

The production was one of high quality, surprising in a play which is not often acted. The story of the proud and haughty man who, having earned his surname for his brave fighting in Corioli,

returned to Rome in triumph only to be soon banished for his pride, came over very well in three short hours. The action flowed without intermission, on the simple set. The battle scenes were quite well executed, although the clanging of swords and shields made rather a loud din.

The title rôle was superbly played by Ian Richardson, who had already achieved success as Bertram in *All's Well*, and Malcolm in *Macbeth*. His fierce passion broke loose at times into a mighty outburst of rage, and died down just as quickly into muttered contempt for the people and tribunes of Rome. Altogether he gave an impression of arrogant nobility but his death at the end of the play, when he was crushed between four spiked shields, we felt was deserved.

The supporting cast was good, too. Catherine Lacey gave a splendid portrayal of Volumnia, Coriolanus' mother, and was at her best when she was pleading with her son not to destroy his country. Coriolanus' old friend and former general, Menenius, was a touching performance from Brewster Mason, and the two villainous tribunes who brought about the hero's banishment from Rome were effectively portrayed by Clive Swift and Nicholas Selby, the former being very good indeed. Coriolanus' bitter enemy, Tullus Aufidius, general of the Volscian army, was well played by the American actor, Edward Ciccirelli. The Roman mob, so important in this play, was very realistic also. All in all this made up a very good afternoon's entertainment and a fitting close to a successful trip.

A. H. FAIRHURST, U VI Arts.

"CORIOLANUS"

After the brilliance of *Romeo and Juliet* and the mediocrity of Paul Scofield's *Macbeth*, I was not sure what to expect of *Coriolanus*. It has seldom been a popular play from the audience point of view. Perhaps it is rather too serious for most people. However, I enjoyed immensely John Barton's lively interpretation of the play. He incorporated sufficient of his own ideas with the basic text to give it that certain polish and atmosphere—an ingredient that is hardly noticed until it is missing.

Coriolanus is often said to be dry and inflexible because the hero does not change or mature as the play progresses. Mr. Barton, as he says in his rehearsal notes, disagreed with this idea; he felt that surely Coriolanus is the one character who does change. Whilst the others are revealed for what they are, he alone is forced by circumstance to know himself and mature. Mr. Barton succeeded in conveying this impression and Ian Richardson excelled in portraying the deeper emotions of the proud and arrogant Coriolanus.

Catherine Lacey was magnificent as Volumnia, Coriolanus' ambitious mother and the driving force behind him, and Estelle

Kohler, unbelievably brilliant as Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*, did good justice to the part of Virgilia, Coriolanus' loving and faithful wife. Special mention, too, must be made of Tullus Aufidius, played by Edward Ciccirelli, an actor with phenomenal stage presence.

On the whole, the acting was of the high standard expected at Stratford. Thus most of the credit is due to the directing of John Barton. His handling of the crowd scenes, so easily marred by being overplayed, showed plainly the growing unrest amongst the Plebeians. The battles around Corioli, too, were in no way "hammed." I particularly enjoyed the duel between Coriolanus and Aufidius—Mr. Barton chose, successfully I think, to stylize the fighting. Coriolanus' death, when he is impaled on the bossed shields of the Volscian soldiers, provides a suitable climax to the play.

Finally, I offer my thanks to the stage staff at Stratford for their swift, silent moving of scenery, deftly performed when the gaze of the audience was directed elsewhere. This added an essential continuity to the performance.

P. YATES, L VI A.

STRATFORD '67

Stage Design

Stage designers have a particular problem when designing for a Shakespearian play because brief, consecutive scenes may vary vastly in their setting. The problem did not really arise in the Elizabethan theatre as scenery was simple, symbolic and rather primitive and was not made much use of even in its basic form. Today, designing for one of Shakespeare's plays has developed to a fine art.

The sets at Stratford were, by nature of necessity, simple and direct in their design. They were adaptable, and miraculously changed character as the action of the plays progressed. With a little rearrangement and new lighting effects, the whole atmosphere of the stage changed.

In *Macbeth* the entire stage was strewn with fur rugs which represented at one time the surface of a boiling marsh, at another that of a battlefield and also provided the floor furnishings for Macbeth's lavish, if primitive, castle. One particularly clever device was the positioning of the soldiers for scene two of the play under these rugs during the immediately preceding witches' scene; the movement of the actors in scene one created a ghoulish effect and for scene two they had merely to stand up and throw off their covering.

Romeo and Juliet made great use of two large E-shaped blocks, which broke up the level stage surface and were used throughout the play with various different meanings in different combinations.

The balcony, for the most famous scenes of the play, was a symbolic rather than realistically ornate structure.

Coriolanus and *All's Well That Ends Well* made similar use of simple adaptable sets, and in character with the rest of the design, the costumes in all four plays were simple and elegant rather than ornate.

One thing which has particularly interested me about The Royal Shakespeare Theatre's wardrobe and properties, both this year and last, is the total lack of brashness or newness which they display. The simple and elegant shapes are never too elaborate and the textures of the materials are never shiny. Thus, by the more than competent designers, property and stage staff, we are transported out of the stainless steel age and away from gaudiness by skill and simple elegance.

R. H. MACCALLUM, U VI A.

THE R.L.P.O. AT THE PUBLIC HALL, PRESTON

On Wednesday, the 20th of September, a small party of boys went to Preston with Mr. West, to see this famous orchestra under the able guidance of Charles Groves.

The first item on the programme was an early Haydn symphony No. 22 ("The Philosopher"), which got the concert off to a vivacious start. This was followed by a stunning performance of Beethoven's C minor concerto, where, as so rarely happens, the piano and orchestra were beautifully balanced.

After the interval, the string section gave an entrancing rendering of Borodin's delightful Nocturne. The orchestra was then considerably enlarged for a superbly colourful reading of Elgar's Enigma Variations, which was concluded with admirable zest and vigour.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the concert, and we arrived back in Poulton in very good time. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. West for making possible this stimulating and satisfactory evening.

J. A. LORD, U VI A.

TWELFTH WORLD JAMBOREE Farragut State Park, Idaho, U.S.A.

The Jamboree was held for eight days amid the beautiful scenery of the American Rockies. The temperature for most of the day was around 95°F, although on one day 105°F was recorded. Rain was unknown—the last rainfall lasted five minutes three months previously. Consequently, dust was a problem, and road sprayers were employed all day along the main boulevards. The main occupations during the day seemed to be swimming, fishing, boating and sunbathing. Various events were staged by the Americans throughout the Jamboree, the best of which was a

rodeo. In the early evening, sport was the main occupation. The troop to which I belonged played several games of football, one of which nearly ended in a free for all against an Argentinian troop. Among the celebrities who visited the Jamboree were Scott Carpenter, the astronaut, James Stewart, the actor, and Vice-President Hubert Humphries.

The finale, held in the Sutton Park Arena, was a magnificent affair by candle light during which Lady Baden-Powell made a speech.

Early on the following Thursday morning, about 2.0 a.m., we left the Jamboree site and went by bus to Spokane Airport. Our destination was Denver, Colorado, where we stayed for the remainder of our visit. During our stay we saw Baseball Games, the second largest Mint in the States, and the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. Among our many souvenirs was gold ore from the richest square mile in the world, where, between 1869 and 1874 two million dollars' worth of gold was taken from a space no bigger than a large saloon car. At last, on Monday, 15th August, at 7.0 p.m., we boarded our Boeing 707 for the long flight home.

C. F. PHILLIPS, U VI Sc. II.

A.T.C. SQUADRON

The Squadron has enjoyed yet another auspicious and thoroughly successful term. Since the last report Sgt. Murty has completed his Flying Scholarship at Barton Aerodrome, near Manchester. The gaining of his "Flying Scholarship Wings" signifies that he has completed at least thirty hours' flying and has qualified for a Civilian Pilot's A Licence. Thus, he has completed an important stage in a flying career which will lead eventually to his passing-out at Cranwell as a Commissioned Officer of the Royal Air Force; he has already been awarded a place at Cranwell for October, 1968. Sgt. Murty deserves our heartiest congratulations and we wish him all the best for the future.

The Squadron has also excelled in another field of A.T.C. activity. No fewer than seven Cadets have recently qualified for their Gliding Wings—an honour which testifies to a high standard of efficiency in handling and, of course, flying a glider. 191 Squadron can at present boast eight Cadets in all who hold their Gliding Proficiency Certificates—that is, one quarter of its total strength! We congratulate the newly successful Cadets. They are: Flt./Sgt. Hart, Sgts. Gilbert, Murty and Pegden, and Cpls. Hanham, Fisher and Duty.

Once again 191 Squadron has swept the board at the Wing Sports, which were held at the end of last term. The Squadron was, of course, overwhelmingly victorious in all three sections—Senior, Intermediate and Junior. Needless to say, the team also came home with the Over-all Championship Cup as well. Our

congratulations are due in particular to Cdts. Crawforth and Caygill in the Senior Section, and Cdts. Isham and Rostron—all of whom gave outstanding individual performances. But we must not forget that it was, indeed, a team effort, and without a spirit of Squadron loyalty and pride, success would not have come so easily as it did. As it is, the Championship Cups are all resting in their rightful place, and our thanks are owed to the team as a whole, and also to the team manager, Flt./Sgt. Hart, whose inspiration and guidance were invaluable.

Flt./Sgt. Hart is also to be commended for distinguishing himself by representing the Squadron on a visit to R.A.F. Gütersloh in Germany during the summer vacation.

The closing weeks of last term saw the Squadron compete in a "Raft Race" on the River Wyre. The team for 191 Squadron consisted of Sgt. Gilbert (Captain) and Cadets Caygill, Lockwood and Hamer. Starting off from Skippool Creek and sailing two miles or so down the river, the 191 crew brought their raft in to a close second place in a field of four—or should it be three, because one of the teams managed to travel little more than a hundred yards before their craft overturned and brought their squadron's efforts to an ignominious conclusion!

After this term's new promotions, the following are now the Squadron's Senior N.C.O.'s: Warrant Officer Hedgeland (formerly Sgt.), Flight Sergeant Hart (formerly Sgt.) and Sergeants Gilbert, Murty and Pegden. The Squadron's four Corporals at present are Cpls. Duty, Fisher, Hanham and Lees.

Finally, we welcome to the Squadron the new recruits of this term and extend a constant invitation to any member of the third or fourth forms who thinks he may be interested in joining.

Cdt. W.O. HEDGELAND.

BIOLOGICAL FIELD STUDIES

Old Brathay, July, 1967

After the considerable success of the Kindrogan Field Studies' course, four of us decided that we would like to go on a field course after the 'A' level exams., as a "break with a difference." We consulted Mr. Ward on the courses available and he suggested that we tried the new centre at Ambleside, in Westmorland.

This centre is at Old Brathay, which is part of the Brathay Estate, a very large area of land comprising a trout river, frontage on Lake Windermere, many acres of pasture and wood, and two halls, one of which houses the Brathay Expedition School.

All the arrangements were made and we decided to travel by car. After a very pleasant journey we arrived and were greeted by Rod Young, our tutor on plants and animals in their environment, and Mike Mortimer, a very pleasant and travelled man,

who was an expert on water as an environment. As soon as we were shown our quarters and had taken afternoon tea we realised that the place was run to a high standard.

After exploring the grounds, we returned to an excellent and very substantial dinner and we soon discovered that this was consistent as we had plenty of the best food we had eaten for a long time. After dinner, an introductory talk on the Lake District as a whole was given by Mr. Ware, the Warden of the Establishment. After this we took a brisk walk before turning in for the night.

The first day's work was devoted to a lecture on the structure of the Lake District and study of the occurrence of different plants in woodland and moorland. Most of the work at the Centre was devoted to a study of the water resources of the Lake District as an environment.

Apart from work, activities included a few trips around the area in the minibus, fell-walking, boating on the lake, both in a motor-launch and in a rowing boat, and last, but by no means least, exploring some of the delightful country that abounds in that part of England.

The course proved very informative, and all parties present expressed new interest in "the Lakes" after what they had learned. All the staff at the Centre were very pleasant and helpful and the Warden himself was a very friendly man who was quite prepared to treat his boys well provided they returned his kindness with respect.

Our thanks, as usual, to Mr. Ward for his assistance, and I think I can say a good time was had by all. I would not hesitate to recommend this fine Centre to boys lower down the School who are taking biology and are intending to go on a field studies course.

P. R. MAUND, U VI Sc II.

BIOLOGICAL FIELD COURSE

Kindrogan Field Centre, September, 1966

Last year, Mr. Ward suggested that the Lower Sixth Biologists should again visit Kindrogan for the Field Course, as previous years' boys had done with great success. Necessary forms were sent in, and a course was arranged for the first week in September.

We journeyed by train from Poulton, changing at Preston, Edinburgh and Perth, finally arriving at Pitlochry in the late afternoon for the bus to take us to the Field Centre nine miles away. There were around fifty people at the Centre, taking mainly Biology and Geography along with a few subsidiary courses. A keen interest was taken by all in the fact that there was a majority of females in the party.

When we reached the house we were shown to our rooms, and then went down to dinner, and an introductory talk by the Warden, Brian Brookes, who was also in charge of our ecology course. After this we had our first lecture, which was an introduction to the surrounding moorlands.

The first three days were spent studying moorland, woodland, pond and river life. On Sunday a party was organised by Mr. Pilkington to visit the salmon ladder at Pitlochry, which was enjoyed by all who went. Monday was spent doing group studies into special topics, such as studying the effects of fungi on woodland.

On the last day we had the misfortune to have the only rain of the week, especially as at the time we were on top of a very exposed mountain, studying the effect of altitude on moorland life!

A lot of new friends were made during the week spent at Kindrogan, and there is not enough room in this short account to relate the many good times had by all.

Finally, we must thank Mr. Ward and Mr. Pilkington for their help in making this trip a great success.

M. J. WILSON, U VI Sc. II.

MY VISIT TO FRANCE

On the 22nd of July we set off, with the caravan behind, to France. The crossing to Calais was calm. From Calais we travelled to Paris, where we stayed two nights. We went into Paris by the Métro and had lunch in a café on the Champs Elysées. I had a ham sandwich, which consisted of a whole loaf cut in half and spread with butter and two slices of thick ham. At the end of the day my feet were aching.

Next day we hitched up the caravan, and our next stop was Limoges. The site was in the grounds of a château. The weather was hot, and the lake was very welcome. The lake had a diving board and a couple of inflatable boats, which we had fun capsizing.

Our next stop was Toulouse, then on to St. Cyprien Plage. We stayed there for the rest of the holidays. Five days later, Dad went back home, to work. Meanwhile we were swimming, sun-bathing, and getting a lovely tan. On the site there were shops and cafés. One day a storm got up, and my friend and I had fun diving through the big rollers.

I did most of the shopping for Mum, and learnt a lot of French, and about decimal coinage. Near the end of the holidays we met some French children and made friends with them. My brother, Stephen, got a pen friend, and so did Jocelyn, a cousin.

During the whole five weeks we had two light showers. We went swimming every day. It was a very enjoyable holiday.

M. SPENCER, II S

MY HOLIDAY IN FRANCE

My most memorable holiday was the one I spent in France last year. We crossed the Channel from Dover to Calais, and the first thing we noticed was changing to the right side of the road as we drove off the boat. Our first meal was that of a typical long French loaf, and grapes. This was a delightful change from corn flakes and bacon and eggs.

After driving inland for some miles we came across an hotel in a small village. Here we stayed for two days. I remember my first admiration for France was that for its chips. People say that no one can make fish and chips like the English, and no one can. But the French can make chips by themselves as no one else can.

We left for the château country, and toured five châteaux. These were a cross between a hall and a castle. Some had battlements and in one case a moat, and all had beautiful surrounding gardens. They were well-kept with trimmed hedges and flower formations. A guide was provided at each, and cellars, paintings, living-rooms and bedrooms with four-poster beds were all on view.

We moved on to Paris. During our short stay we went to the top of the Eiffel Tower, which is nearly twice as high as Blackpool Tower, and visited the Arc de Triomphe, which contains a good museum. The parapet around the top is alarmingly low. Twelve avenues radiate from this point; one single lane could have four cars side by side.

On the way home we went through Brittany, for this was where my parents spent their honeymoon.

This is the holiday which has left the biggest impression on my family.

M. SUMNER, II S.

ART CLUB AND POTTERY GROUP

The Club has met regularly and creatively on Tuesday evenings throughout the term. On Saturday, 4th November, a small but enthusiastic party visited the Art Galleries of Manchester and Salford. Pleasure and inspiration, we all agreed, were gathered from the exhibitions which we visited. Our thanks, as always, to Messrs. Ridley and Colledge.

R. H. MACCALLUM, U VI A.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

The Badminton Society

Secretary: C. M. RUMKE.

Captain: G. SHARROCK.

Support for this Society has steadily increased over the past two years, as has the standard of play. Consequently, this year, it has been possible to form both an "A" and a "B" team. Of the sixteen fixtures already arranged, four have been played, three being won. These results are very promising and, combined with the enthusiasm of our members, herald great successes in the future.

This is the first year that we have entered the Blackpool Schools' Championships, and we hope that our teams will bring back at least one cup, preferably two.

We extend our thanks to Mr. Pilkington and Mr. Field, who have supported the Society.

C. M. RUMKE, U VI A.

The Biological Society

Up to the date of publication one film has been shown on the "Advance into the Unknown." This was not strictly on Biology, but dealt with the physiological problems of space travel. There was a fairly good attendance of over thirty people.

We hope to show two more films before the end of term: "The Living Environment" and "Wild Highlands."

Once again we must thank Mr. Ward for his unfailing support.

M. J. WILSON, U VI Sc. II.

Chess Club

The Chess Club has continued to meet regularly each week, and we were glad to see a number of Juniors attending.

A Junior 'Knock-out' Competition has been started, with considerable enthusiasm, and this will be followed by a Senior Competition, a cup, we hope, being awarded to the winner of each.

The Senior team has played a number of matches since my last report, with favourable results:

OPPONENTS	HOME	AWAY
v. St. Joseph's	Lost	Drawn
v. Collegiate	Won	Won
v. King Edward VII G.S.	—	Won
v. Arnold High School for Girls	Won	Won

We have fixtures arranged for future matches to be played against Kirkham G.S., Elmslie, Blackpool G.S. and Arnold G.S. for Boys.

Two teams were entered in the *Sunday Times* Chess Tournament, though, unfortunately, one team has been eliminated, leaving it up to the Second team.

Under the leadership of R. Williams (U VI Arts) an Inter-Schools' Chess League has been started, involving Kirkham G.S., Arnold High School for Girls, Arnold G.S. for Boys, Blackpool G.S., Collegiate, St. Joseph's, King Edward VII G.S. and ourselves.

I would like to thank the members of the teams, namely, Hart (Captain), Parr, Cowell, Williams, Leadbetter, Hanham, Tait, Taylor, Brown (S.), Varley, Fox, and Johnson, and also Adams and Seddon (who have now left School).

Finally, we all sincerely express our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Goulding for the time and trouble he has spent in furthering the progress of the Society.

W. HANHAM, U VI Sc. II (Secretary).

Chemistry Society

Up to the time of writing there have been two meetings this term. At the first of these a colour film entitled "The Making of a Dyestuff" was shown. This was a very interesting film in which the preparation of a blue dye was described.

The second consisted of a demonstration of polymers by Gilbert, Holme and Maund, all of U VI Sc. Gilbert outlined the two main types of polymerisation and gave examples of these. Holme successfully demonstrated the preparation of nylon. This was followed by a film on the discovery of synthetic rubber.

Both these meetings have been well attended and we hope that the remaining two meetings this term will be also.

We should like to thank all who have given their time to the Society and those who have attended. We would especially like to thank Mr. Green for his valuable time and knowledge which he has devoted to the Society.

S. BROWN, U VI Sc. II.

J. H. PHILLIPSON, U VI Sc. II.

School Climatological Society

Secretary: P. N. GILBERT

Daily readings have continued throughout the Summer Holidays with only minor lapses.

Mr. Scupholme and the Secretary welcome the new observers, who bring the total staff to eight.

Last month the Society was visited by the Area Meteorological Inspector who visits a school every five years. He had very few complaints to make and commended us very highly on our efficiency.

The Society extends its thanks, as always, to Mr. Scupholme for the support he has given and his interest in the functioning of the station throughout the term.

P. N. GILBERT.

Junior Debating Society

Chairman: N. BURROWS.

Secretary: J. BENNETT.

Speech Day fell on a Thursday, and only two meetings were fitted in before the holiday. On the 5th October the Motion: "This House considers that the smoking of marijuana should be made legal" was decisively rejected. On the 26th there was a very lively and well-informed debate on the motion: "Co-education is no education." Over fifty people attended the debate, many contributed ideas to it, and all saw the motion convincingly defeated.

On 9th November a Dustman proved to be the triumphant survivor in a Balloon Debate, in which an Astronaut, a Chemist, a Policeman, a Vicar and a Teacher were in turn consigned to their fates.

We thank Mr. Thompson for his encouragement and support.

J. BENNETT, III S.

Senior Debating Society

Chairman: J. A. LORD.

Secretary: J. R. CATTERALL.

Two meetings have been held so far this term. At the first debate, the motion: "This House considers that Modern Society leaves no place for the true gentleman," was convincingly defeated, but Messrs. Leech and Maund, speaking for the proposition, and Messrs. MacCallum and Mitchell for the opposition, all made it convincingly clear that the Society's high standard of debating was to be maintained. At the second meeting Messrs. Gilbert and Duty narrowly defeated the motion, "This House considers that too much money is being spent on the Space Race," proposed by Messrs. Hamer and Seal. Once again, the four main speakers put forward strong and entertaining arguments, but this debate was particularly enjoyable because there was much more lively discussion from the floor than in the first debate.

A programme is being prepared for the rest of this term, and next term, and plans are being made to join in a debate with Collegiate School in the near future.

Once again our thanks and appreciation go to Mr. Gregson, whose enthusiasm and wit contribute greatly to the success of every debate.

J. R. CATTERALL, L VI Sc.

The Folk Music Society

Chairman: T. A. ROBINSON

The idea of a Folk Music Society was suggested last year, but unfortunately nothing much was done about it. So at the beginning of this school year, R. H. MacCallum, who was Chairman until the 9th October, and P. Thompson, the present secretary, decided to try once more. A meeting was arranged in the Hall at lunch-time on the 29th September. Twenty-one people attended and a list of members and records was made.

The first organised meeting of this term was on the 2nd October. Thirteen members turned up to hear a programme which had been gathered at the last minute. The artists played included Bob Dylan, Donovan, The Clancy Brothers, John Lee Hooker, Howling Wolf, and Peter, Paul and Mary.

Fifteen members attended the second meeting, during the course of which our present Chairman, T. A. Robinson, was elected. The music played that evening, 9th October, was by negro blues guitarist Lightning Hopkins.

Our record attendance of twenty-three was recorded on 16th October, when tape recordings of Bev Alty (an extremely talented Old Boy of Baines) were played.

On the 23rd October, eleven of us listened to an L.P. of Joan Baez. The meeting was enjoyable, even though the School's record player was misbehaving.

In the future we hope to have music by Bob Dylan and other folk musicians. We have been promised a tape by the Green Men (a very polished folk group from the Teachers' Training College), and perhaps a live visit from them and Bev Alty—if the authorities permit.

We would like to thank all our members, especially those who have brought records. Special thanks must be accorded to M. Archer, for the use of his tape recorder, and to our president, Mr. Colledge, for his support.

P. THOMPSON (Hon. Secretary).

The Geographical Society

Chairman: C. M. RUMKE, U VI A.

Secretary: T. G. P. LEECH, U VI A.

Treasurer: D. GARNER, U VI A.

So far this term the Society has held three meetings, which, we are pleased to say, have been exceptionally well attended, especially by the lower forms.

The films which form the basis of our meetings have been varied in nature, not only in content but also in quality. Perhaps the most successful films shown have been "Land behind the Dykes" and "Profile Canada." Although modern films are difficult to obtain, we hope in future meetings to show as many as possible. The vintage quality of some of the films already shown has had to be seen and heard for proof of their antiquity.

However, we will continue to show films of interest to all would-be geographers on alternate Tuesdays. On 11th November members of the Upper Sixth geography set will attend a conference at Poulton College of Education.

On behalf of all the officials and members I would like to convey our thanks to Mr. Hill, without whose invaluable assistance the Society would cease to function, and also to Mr. Marsh, our president.

T. G. P. LEECH, U VI A.

The Gramophone Society

At the time of writing, we have held but one meeting, where the programme consisted of a selection of popular pieces, ranging from Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, to the 1812 Festival overture of Tchaikovsky. Several further meetings are planned, and we would welcome any person who is interested, to them.

Apart from our meetings in School, we hope to continue last year's policy of holding soirées at our various members' homes. Here, as well as having the advantage of considerably more time, we are able to hear works which might not be too well received at School, because of their difficulty or modernity.

We offer our sincere thanks to Messrs. West, Moulding and Roberts, for their interest and advice.

J. A. LORD, U VI A.

The Model Car Racing Club

Secretary: M. K. ROBERTS.

Treasurer: A. R. CULPIN.

The Club was formed this term and has held meetings regularly on Wednesday evenings, all of which have been well attended.

Every meeting has been spent building and testing the track, which is about sixty feet in length. This initial task is now almost completed and it is hoped that by the time of publication the track will be in regular use. When it is finished it is our intention to move it to a more permanent position, where it can be raced on regularly.

I would like to thank all the people who have worked so hard, and contributed various items which have enabled the track to be built.

M. K. ROBERTS, III S.

The Modern Music Society

Chairman: M. J. HILLMAN.

Secretary: W. D. KINGS.

Already this term the Society has held two meetings, at which attendances were very promising, with particularly good support from the younger members of the School.

After a preliminary meeting to decide upon the year's programmes, the first meeting featured the more notable works of Bob Dylan, the American folk singer. What made this particular item a success was the fact that, because of Dylan's popularity, many of his recordings were available.

For the second meeting, trumpet music provided the basis of the programme, with the interest focused on Herb Alpert, Kenny Ball and James Last; surprisingly enough, the meeting was a most rousing one.

We hope to present a varied and interesting selection of music for future meetings; at the time of writing programmes ranging from Tamla-Motown to Modern Jazz are being arranged, and for these in particular, we look to members of the Senior School for their support.

M. J. HILLMAN and W. D. KINGS, U VI Arts.

Philatelic Society

Secretary: D. GARNER.

Treasurer: S. RAE.

Meetings have been held regularly throughout the term and attendances have been quite good, especially from the Junior half of the School. Two excellent displays were given at two of the meetings. The first consisted of seventy sheets of British stamps showing mint blocks, first day covers, various watermarks and varieties. The second, which was given by a former teacher of the School, Mr. Okell, consisted of modern French stamps. Mr.

Okell also gave a talk on his stamps and answered any questions raised by the members. At other meetings boys have had a chance to exchange stamps and have shown their enthusiasm by bringing their collections.

By the time of publication a competition open to all Junior members will have been held. It will consist of three sheets of stamps on a theme or country. Mr. Okell will judge the competition and award prizes for it.

D. GARNER, U VI Arts.

The Photographic Society

President: I. HOLLOWAY, L VI Sc. II. *Chairman:* I. MITCHELL, V S.

The Society's activities were maintained during the Summer holidays in the form of a photographic trip to Chester. Thanks to the perseverance and efforts of our President this was a great success, despite the adverse weather conditions.

This term the Photographic Society has been open to both Junior and Senior members of the School, whereas before only Seniors were admitted. (Juniors had their own Camera Club).

There has been a great deal of interest shown by the Juniors and, on the whole, attendances at the meetings have been good.

During the term there have been films, trips and talks, mainly for the benefit of the person just starting photography. The following have been included: Printing, Enlarging, Developing, and the general use of the Photographic Dark Room.

We should like to thank Mr. Scupholme for the use of the Advanced Physics Laboratory as a dark room, and also our Honorary President, Mr. Moulding, for his valuable help and advice to the Society during the term.

We look forward to your continued support by attendance at our meetings during the coming term.

N. HOLROYD, IV S. (Secretary).

The Amateur Tape Recording Society

This was a new venture at the beginning of the term, but with much valuable assistance from Mr. Lockton, we got under way fairly quickly. Attendance has been encouraging, although more support from the lower forms would be a great help.

The Society has been feeling its way this term, but next term we hope to borrow films and recordings which would be of interest to everybody.

The aim of the Society is to increase interest in tape recording, and to this end a competition has been held. More competitions will be held during the year, and a prize will be awarded for the best performance of the year in June.

Our thanks once again to Mr. Lockton, without whose valuable help this Society would have been impossible.

P. R. HARGREAVES, L VI Sc. II

(Secretary).

Table Tennis Society

The Society has continued to meet during the term, and the members have shown considerable enthusiasm, attending every meeting.

A league was started, which encouraged competitive play and which proved extremely successful.

It is hoped, before the School year comes to a close, that a "knock-out" cup competition will be completed.

W. HANHAM, U VI Sc. II (Secretary).

ST. MICHAEL'S-ON-WYRE CHURCH

St. Michael's was mentioned in *Domesday Book*, 11th century, in the form "Micheleschurche," a church which existed before there was any village.

The first knowledge of a church existing on this site was one about A.D. 640, possibly founded by the Archbishop of York.

An interesting discovery was made in 1956, in the Sanctuary when, during repairs, an early 14th century mural was discovered.

In the Belfry, the oldest bell is over 500 years old, being dated 1458, and is thought from its inscription to have come from France. (It was actually made and given in 1458 by Catherine de Bernieules, known as the Lady of Neufchatel).

The other two bells are dated 1663 and 1742, and are both English.

In the churchyard, the oldest decipherable stone is dated 1657. These brief notes may enable a visitor to appreciate the history of this ancient, but very beautiful church.

R. G. COBB, V X.

A SPORTING LIFE

As I live in the country, most of my spare time is spent in country pursuits. In summer we note where the rarer birds nest, and watch the pond life whilst fishing, and also we do a lot of mole catching—these are lovely little creatures but spoil all our pastures. I caught quite a few this summer.

During the past two months I have added to my pursuits by taking part in an occasional shoot! I shoot with my father's gun, but hope to have one of my own soon. I shot two hares last week. My mother roasts them and they are delicious, but very rich.

The other pursuit is more like a minor war. The farm nearest to us is over-run with rats. The rats live on some corn which has never been harvested. There are several methods of catching them. Our favourite method is to put some food in a barrel. The rats then jump in but when in cannot jump out. This method catches quite a few.

Sometimes there are partridges, pheasants and pigeons on our land and they all make a good meal.

G. J. T. PARKINSON, III X.

TALENT UNNOTICED

Like most Italians, the waitress mistook me for a German, when I came into the bar to escape the summer drizzle. Making some jocular remark to the effect that the English must be rare birds in Cortina d'Ampezzo, I sipped my coffee and observed the goings-on in the street. There was hardly anything interesting, but my bored gaze kept returning to a traffic policeman on point duty. There was something unusual about him which made me do this. It was not the fact that his uniform was similar to that of a London Bobby (I was used to that sort of thing). Maybe it was something about the way he conducted himself in his duty of controlling the traffic.

Conducted ! Yes, that was it exactly ! But not himself. He stood on a small podium in the middle of the crossroad, above the level of the traffic, and without much imagination one could see him as a conductor and the traffic as his symphony orchestra. He was poised simply but impressively. He could, in a twinkling, raise himself onto the balls of his feet, with the grace of a ballet dancer, and spread his arms wide, calling the ensemble of Fiats and Volkswagens to order. Then began the *Introduzione*: a graceful sweep of his left arm and the motor of the first car roared out a beautiful baritone note. A broad upward sweep, and more cars added the sounds of their motors, *crescendo*. Then, suddenly, he flung his arms wide, bringing them all to rest, all except one which he urged onwards, *poco a poco*. When he thought better of it, he flicked up one admonishing finger, as if to say, "ma non troppo." With one twist he faced another direction, urging a sluggard on, *sforzando*. All this time his face was alive, unlike the habitual poker stare of his British counterpart. When he was not shooting glances, stern or encouraging, to the drivers, he actually sang in time to his arm movements. This guardian of public safety, I thought to myself, is so full of talent, a good agent could make him a second Toscanini . . .

I was sitting over an empty coffee cup. The rain had stopped, and I decided to move on. The last I saw of my conducting copper was what I took to be his grand *Finale Furioso* ! Rhythmically, majestically, he swung his arms as he launched into his coda—everyone halted as with his last supreme effort, he flung his arms wide apart !

The last movement he made, his left arm across his chest, might even have been the graceful prelude to a bow. But as he stepped down to allow a colleague to take over, I remembered that the maestro was only a traffic policeman, doing his boring job, which he will continue to do forever—his talent unnoticed.

P. THOMPSON, U VI A.

ULYSSES—AND THAT BAN

With the film of Joyce's classic novel creating such a disturbance, it is perhaps wise to turn to the book itself, and find out why there is so much controversy. I personally cannot speak for the film, having never seen it, but the book is one of the greatest novels in English, and any attempt to suppress it would be to the detriment of literature.

Blackpool's proposal to remove the book from the shelves of its public libraries is not only pathetic, but contrary to the basic principles of librarianship. A library exists solely to purvey knowledge, and one of the sources of knowledge is great literature. Perhaps if the Blackpool Libraries Committee has its way, then all readers can look forward to is a diet of slushy, but highly respectable "romance" novels.

Of course, no one wishes young people to be corrupted, but those self-righteous, upstanding members of our community who wish to ban the book have in all probability never read it, let alone understood it. For *Ulysses*, 933 pages long, is a complex book, though its plot is absurdly simple: it sets out to describe one day (16th of June, 1904) in the life of three Dubliners.

Practically every thought, word, and deed of Leopold Bloom, the modern Ulysses, is recorded as he wanders about his work, canvassing for advertisements. During the day he meets Stephen Dedalus, a young man who has renounced his religion, country and family for a life as a writer. (He represents Joyce himself) Bloom's near paternal care for Stephen leads him to assist him after he has been set upon by two thugs. At home, faithless Molly Bloom lies in bed, thinking of her many lovers.

All this is presented in a commendably honest fashion: there is no depravity, as one councillor suggested, rather a stupendous command of language, wonderful poetry, and reality. But, as Eliot says: "Mankind cannot bear much reality."

J. A. LORD, U VI A.

MICROSCOPE

I look down my microscope,
And see a world
Of tiny, puny things.

Feeling like a giant,
I stretch and look upwards,
To see a blue sky
Over me,
Like the lens of some great
Microscope.

P. THOMPSON, U VI Arts.

BIG GAME FISHING

I expect every one of us has seen in a magazine at some time or other one of those American fishermen, wearing his peculiar long peaked cap, bent almost in a semicircle over his rod as he struggles with an enormous fish that twists and turns in its efforts to escape.

America is not the only place where you can capture one of those sea giants, as such fish are to be found off some coasts of Britain, especially from June to September. But it is necessary to be able to get a safe fast boat as well as special gear, which should include a large sturdy rod, harness, reel, linen or nylon line of great strength, good-sized bait on a wire trace, a gaff and a fighting-chair.

The proper equipment is most essential, as a big sea fish is much stronger than a man, whatever muscles he has. It is an unequal combat, and so you must have the right kind of equipment to make up for the relative weakness of a human being.

These big fish possess uncommon powers of endurance. They are able to go on fighting for hours without giving up, and even when they have been hauled aboard they can still find the strength to stun a man or break one of his limbs with a single blow of the tail.

About half the fish hooked emerge victorious from a wearing combat that has lasted several hours.

There are various ways of catching big game fish. Baiting with small fish, I think, is the most widely used. The big sea fish are mostly flesh-eaters. By means of their sensitive powers of smell they can detect from afar any prey that can be caught without too much trouble, such as a dead fish. Fishing with such bait relies on this factor.

From his boat the fisherman casts into the water a line baited with a herring, mackerel or sardine, while a friend scatters tasty morsels of chopped up fish about the sea. This is carried by the current and attracts the big fish who come and seize the baited hook.

Another method of deep sea fishing is using a drag-line. This method is used with a boat that is on the move. The line is paid out behind the boat and carries at its extreme a lure, a spoon or a dead fish. This method is also used for Pike fishing in some of our larger lakes.

The big hunters in the sea are on the watch, ready for the chase. As soon as they see this strange creature which twists, turns and gleams with light, they are after it and when one of them bites on it, the hook bites into its mouth.

R. JONES, IV X.

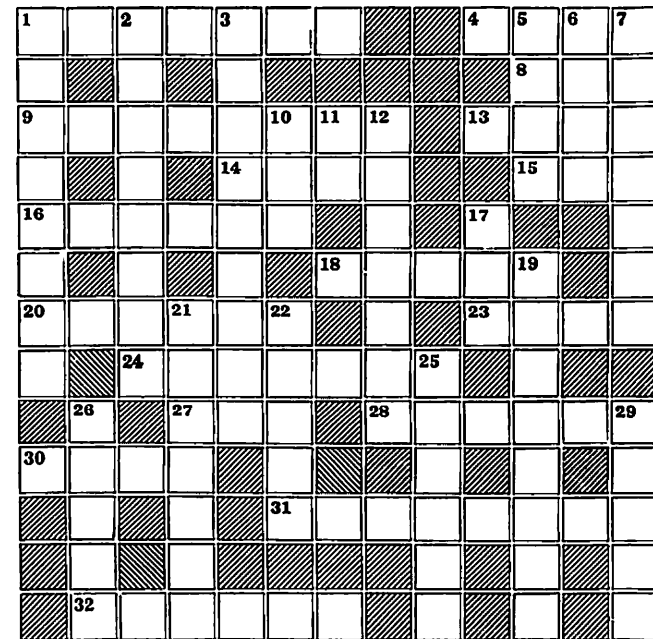
CAMP SITE

English, German, French, Swiss,
Dutch from Amsterdam—
All are one in the sight of God,
And the site of the Caravan Man!

P. THOMPSON, U.VI A.

POULTONIAN CROSSWORD

D. THOMPSON, V S



ACROSS

1. A crab is one.
4. A two-wheeled spring carriage.
8. Malt liquor flavoured with hops.
9. A soft deerskin shoe.
13. A statue.
14. Island off the west coast of Scotland.
15. A small cask.
16. It is used as mortar.
18. Between.
20. Part of the eye.
23. Ireland.
24. The act of not giving consent.
27. Frequently.
28. Idler.
30. The thick end of a whip.
31. A bird.
32. Diminish.

DOWN

1. A sword was hung over this man's head.
2. A fruit used in salads.
3. He takes his suit to court!
5. An ancient torture machine.
6. A plant with bitter juice.
7. Antarctic bird.
10. A drunkard.
11. Sounds like a public house.
12. The sea-unicorn.
17. Devon river.
19. Three-legged plants of John Wyndham.
21. Member of the cat family.
22. The people of the Low Countries.
25. Recline.
26. Mistake.
29. Part of the dead body of a holy person kept as an object of reverence.

Answers on page 46.

THE EVOLUTION OF MAN

Nature has taken its course with the evolution of man so far. Modern and future living are bound to cause radical changes in the structure of the human being. American science fiction writers visualise future man as every woman's dream: tall, dark, handsome, and invested with special powers. This should hardly be called science fiction, as it suggests the exact opposite of what science predicts the human form is likely to take.

It is obvious that the head and body will grow bigger. The former because of the increased size of brain which will be necessitated by the immense amount of knowledge it will have to hold. The latter because of the lack of exercise in modern life.

These are just two examples of how nature will take its course. Nature is not the only danger in the modification of the human form but man himself. It has been predicted that by the year 2,000 A.D. man will be able to control his own evolution. In what way will he control it? Will he make the human form more practical or more desirable?

He could solve the problem of having to eat vegetables simply by putting a layer of chlorophyll under the skin and using the immense amount of space left when the intestines have been removed for a mechanism turning the simple elements into sugars. This is the original reason for science fiction writers talking about green spacemen.

So much skill is already available in the hand of science, that even more fantastic modifications can reasonably be assumed. One thing is certain, though, and that is that man must lose the hate element in his brain or the earth will be destroyed before many of the discoveries of biochemical science can be made.

R. N. DALTON, IV M.

THE PUB

"The Cock and Bull" she calls herself,
Though many a name she's borne.
She's seen the rise and fall of twenty kings,
The ebb and flow of history's great tides.

She recalls more wars,
Than historians care to mention.
In her walls there lie embedded
Pistol balls from Turpin's guns.

Rebuilt twice, and re-roofed thrice,
Now with slates, no longer thatched with straw,
The roar of motors,
Drowned the distant sound of urgent hooves
So many years ago,
That now she simply sits, and broods upon the vanished years.

D. C. McCULLOCH, IV S

SUBURBIA

The city spreads its sprawling tentacles
Of red brick—blackening with soot,
Chez Nous, Dunroamin and San Remo
Stand side by side.

Commuters daily wend their way
Into the city's gloom.
By train and car in two's and three's.
They are trapped from nine till five.

Then back to pocket gardens gay
If only window boxes,
They close the door and settle down
To news of daily happenings.

How they must envy country folk!
How free as birds they seem!
They've escaped from the city's tentacles
To fuller life and deeper meaning.

S. WRIGHT, IV S.

THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG

Down the centuries, men of vision have foretold things to come, sometimes hundreds of years before technical knowledge and skill have made these things remotely possible. Leonardo da Vinci, perhaps one of the greatest geniuses the world has ever known, in the late fifteenth century was making the first study of aerodynamics. Centuries later man launched himself into the air in a flying machine.

Stranger still is the story of Old Mother Shipton, a Yorkshire-woman, uneducated, yet seemingly gifted with the power to foretell the future. Her prophecy, in the early sixteenth century of "carriages without horses" must surely refer to the steam-locomotives which did not actually appear until the nineteenth century.

Coming to our own times, we must mention the writers of space-fiction, or those of science fiction, a particular one being H. G. Wells. Many of H. G. Wells' fiction stories are now possible. The space-fiction writers were killing off their villains with death-ray guns, and launching their heroes into space long before the Russians and the Americans made these things a reality.

Did the vision of these people of long ago, and the vivid imaginations of fiction writers, inspire the inventive genius of man? Did they act as a spur so that generations of men gradually acquired the skill and knowledge to make these things possible?

Which came first—the chicken or the egg?

C. R. FARRAR, IV M.

OUTWARD BOUND

When camping with the Scouts in the Lake District last July, we visited an Outward Bound School on the shores of Lake Windermere. The school is quite large and belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association. The boys go there for a two week course, and by the time the course is finished should be fit, able to build a raft, swim long distances, know how to use a canoe, but, most important of all, be able to look after themselves.

The boys are aged between seventeen and twenty and are housed in chalets on the hillside. Their morning begins at seven o'clock when they plunge into the lake regardless of the weather. The boys all eat in the canteen and all the meals are prepared by the kitchen staff.

There are two obstacle courses which we thought were very difficult. The boys play a lot of football, using rubber tyres suspended from trees for football practice. Altogether it was an enjoyable day I spent at the Outward Bound School.

J. HARGREAVES, IX

FLOWER POWER

Hippies.
Long-haired adverts for agricultural societies;
Adorned in patterned trousers and shirts,
Or should it be skirts?
Hippies.
Love ins, think ins, paint ins;
"Make love, not war," they say;
Evidently there aren't many of them in Vietnam.
Hippies.
Bedecked in bells and coloured beads;
The Flower People.
Pansies?

A. HITCHEN, III X.

IT'S ... HOPELESS

I paced the floor,
I scratched my head,
I thought for many hours in bed,
Of all the good things done before.
As a poet I do not brag,
But something I must do for the mag.
Here's a poem, but what's my chance
Against the sixth who in advance
Of me have done these things before?
And they already know their craft,
They'll think my little effort daft.
I thought of doing a little prose,
But on what subject?—Goodness knows!
I know no anecdotes to write,
And limericks are far too trite.

I paced the floor,
I scratched my head,
Oh dear, I'm tired,
I'm off to bed.

GOOD NIGHT!

F. HARDMAN, II M.

THE MISFIT

He thinks that the world is against him,
He never does anything right,
People have told him
"It's all in the mind,"
"But," says he,
"It's all right for them."
If only he could see the truth,
If only he would try,
All it needs is patience and time,
"But," says he,
"It's all right for them."

S. HOLDEN, IV M.

OBUDU

This is an account of experiences I had three years ago when I lived in Nigeria.

When I went to Nigeria for my Christmas holidays, my Father and Mother had decided to take my brother and sister and myself to Obudu, which is the Eastern Nigeria Development Council's cattle ranch. This ranch is situated in the Cameroon foothills which form the Eastern Nigeria (now Biafra) Cameroons border. It is about 6,000 feet up and is about two hundred miles to the E.N/E. of Enugu.

On the ranch they breed and cross-breed the Nigerian and Texan type longhorn cattle with the British South Devonshire Bulls that have been shipped out specially.

The climate there is as warm as England's in the summer, and warmer when it is the Nigerian Summer. Around Christmas time the strawberries are ripe. The strawberries are wild strawberries, and are deeper red than the English ones.

To get up to the ranch you have to drive up eight miles of single track road and so you must ring up the top to stop tractors and other cars coming down.

At the ranch there are some horses, and these horses are the only ones in the Eastern region because of the tsetse fly which causes sleeping sickness amongst them. The horses can be hired by anyone who wishes to pay 5/- per hour for them and riding is the best way of moving round the ranch.

The ranch has a part set aside for the hotel area, which is very beautifully set amongst the hibiscus and flame of the forest trees.

The food here is home-killed and fresh. The milk is the only pasteurized milk to be sold in Nigeria.

On the ranch there are many streams, all of which are ice-cold, and very refreshing after riding for most of the day. Around these areas a leopard is shot every few months. There are even panthers around the ranch.

C. M. WENDT, V S.

AUTUMN DUSK

Ever watchful, I gaze through the steamy window,
Seeing Mother Nature at work, that mystical enchantress who blends
Wintry might with gentle sun,
Rippling the fields with Autumn's breath and stirring the branches with hurrying
hands.

The wind whips the leaves into a last frenzied whirl
Before they sink to the ground, spent and lifeless.
Flown is the swallow to warmer clime,
And the birds which are left seek shelter from the cold.

But, as night approaches, nature's day-long watch is over,
And the mantle of darkness seems to shroud the swaying trees.
I watch with regret as, one by one, the enchanting sights are lost in the ever-
increasing gloom.

The trees wave farewell and the last hardy plants
Bow their heads and take their leave of me,
And all is quiet.

S. VARLEY, V S.

AN INDIAN'S FIRST RIDE IN THE UNDERGROUND

Down, down, down into the ground, like a giant drill,
The crowded escalator bores its way.
The air is filled with the sounds of tramping feet, rattling trains, and the buzz of
voices.

The noise is deafening, overpowering for you
Who have just arrived from a land where the lowing of cattle is the usual sound.
It's like a nightmare, a bad dream.

You try to cower against the wall, but it's too late;
The people behind jostle and push and swear at you until you have got to move.

"Bloody niggers!" you hear them cry,
"Why can't they stay where they were born?"

You're carried on further into the maze of tunnels.

You come to a fork. Which way to go?

You attempt to ask somebody but they brush you away and rush on.

"Will no-one help me, a poor frightened stranger?"

At last you reach the platform and you press against the wall

Lest someone should knock you on to the rails.

At least you can rest for a minute but no...

A rush of wind and a clatter of carriages heralds the train's arrival.

Timidly you follow the rest in, and no sooner have you got inside

Than the doors slam shut and the train jerks forward,

Almost knocking you off your feet.

You're well and truly trapped now!

You clasp a support and cling on for dear life.

The train throws you back and forth as it clatters over the points.

What'll happen if it jumps the rails?

What'll happen if the tunnel caves in?

What'll happen if the electricity is cut off?

All these thoughts flash through your mind and you pray for the train to stop.

To your relief it soon does, the doors open, and out you are pushed.

The previous nightmare journey is again repeated.

But at last you see daylight and feel the fresh air blowing on your face.

You're out, out, out into the world of reality again.

You've completed the course without mishap.

Now, here's something to write home to your mother and sisters about;

And it is with a feeling of great pride that you continue your journey,

Having successfully passed through a land of terror and darkness.

R. Fox, Vs.

THE SACRED CROCODILE

Two years ago while I was living in the Eastern region of
Nigeria we went to a native village in the hope of seeing some Ju-Ju
crocodiles. We were told to take a cock chicken as a sacrifice to the
crocodiles.

An African came to Enugu from the village to show us the way.
We went down a main road, then on down a dirt track for a few
miles, until we came to a river. Then the African took us up a jungle
track to the village.

The Ju-Ju man met us. We gave him the chicken and he took
us to the lake. He told the African native who could speak English
to tell us to stand back from the edge of the lake because the crocodiles
were dangerous. The Ju-Ju man shouted "Come here," in Ibo,
which is a Nigerian language, and repeated this several times. Then
we saw what looked like four bumps above the water coming closer
and closer at great speed, causing waves behind them.

When the crocodiles got near the edge of the lake the Ju-Ju man
threw them the chicken, but before the chicken reached them it flew
back towards us. The largest of the crocodiles came out of the water
and started running towards us. We all started running away,
including the Ju-Ju man, but the crocodile was not interested in us,
but only in the chicken. When the crocodile had caught the chicken
it took it straight back into the water and drowned it.

MICHAEL WENDT, I M.

TO A FOOTBALLER

Number 7 is this man's place,
His energy speeds up the pace.
He hits the ball with such great force
The "goalie" doesn't know its course.
He's scored again, that makes it four,
The crowd is yelling, "More, more, more."
The game is won, the points are certain,
Thanks to dynamic Alan Skirton.

P. IRELAND, II M.

CHANCE TO DREAM

The programme stops for a "natural break,"
A commercial for those who are still awake,
Housewives all listen with eager intent,
But their housekeeping money is already spent.

When the film flashes back, on our T.V.,
Mother's been having a wonderful spree,
Dreaming of luxuries she just cannot buy,
The cost of mere living is far too high.

P. RATCLIFFE, V X.

THE STEAM TRAIN

The days of the steam train are numbered,
And drawing near to their end.
Very soon the last one will have rumbled
Around the line's ultimate bend.

No more the harsh screech of the whistle,
No clouds of white steam in the sky.
No soot coming in through the window,
To lodge in the passenger's eye.

The diesel has made its grand entrance,
Endowed with more power and grace,
More colourful in its appearance
Usurping the old steamer's place.

K. TAIT II M.

THE NEIGHBOUR

Another member of the family?
She might as well be.
There's nothing she doesn't know about us,
Nothing that can pass without passing her as well;
She's got nothing else to do but slither in and out of our lives.

She is both our best friend and our worst enemy.
Always good: too good
To be true.
It's not true,
We have to pay.

She's a master spy and a detective all rolled into one.
Onewhat?
A glint of sun on glass as we leave,
The bedroom curtains flutter.
As we come home, the dog, the gates, the dustbin, any excuse will do.
She knows her clumsiness doesn't matter.
She employs no tact.
We are forced to use ours.

People come to stay.
A bed, blankets, a room.
She pays her admission fee,
And enjoys the show.

No knocking on our door,
She taps the window.
News and gossip are her season ticket to our house.
She comes when she knows she's not wanted.

She's the public representative when we wash our dirty linen,
But she's not always noticed
We know now.
Her type are experts, full-timers,
And you need never know.

Think about yours.
Are they as sincere as they seem?
Look, when you come and go.
Look at the window.

S. MURPHY, IV S.

"EROICA"

Another hour and I must go,
To sit indoors and write.
I contemplate the long-dead men
Who rose to fame,
By virtue
Of their writing.
I see them now . . .
mysterious
Gargantuan
Upon the mists of literature
The Brocken spectre of their greatness lies,
But I no shadow cast!

J. A. LORD, U IV A.

U.F.O.'s

Some see them here, some see them there,
Some see them flying through the air,
Some people see them everywhere.

They travel around from place to place,
Perhaps they travel in outer-space,
Making for an unknown base.

Where they come from goodness knows,
Those darned elusive U.F.O.'s.

A. W. DODGSON, 2X.

GHOSTS

Whenever I hear a creak on the stair,
And I know there should be nobody there,
I feel a prickling in my hair.
Is it a ghost?

Whenever I hear a howl in the night,
And there isn't even a sign of light,
Why does it give me such a fright,
Is it a ghost?

Whose step follows me home in the dark,
As I walk by night through the unlit park?
Will they be feet that leave no mark?
A Ghost's!

J. DAVIES, 1X.

THE PIG

His face is not too pretty,
And his figure none too good.
He's not too keen on cleanliness,
He'd rather roll in mud.

He has a little curly tail
Which I think is quite absurd.
Although we smile and laugh at him,
He does not say a word.

He sits and grunts from time to time
Until his meal is brought,
And even when his day is done
He gives us food—strange thought.

L. BROSCOMBE, IV X.

CRICKET, 1967

First Eleven

Captain: J. FOUWEATHER. *Vice-Captain:* M. RICHMOND.

Team:—Fouweather, Richmond, Leadbetter, Holt, Burrows, Baxendale, Hart, Croft, Bamber, Willoughby, Rumke.

RECORD:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
11	4	5	2

22nd April v. Fleetwood G.S.

Baines 79 for 4 wickets (Richmond 49 not out, Burrows 13).
Match abandoned owing to rain.

29th April v. Morecambe G.S.

Morecambe 62 for 9, declared (Burrows 5 for 24).
Baines 64 for 4 (Burrows 17 not out, Leadbetter 14, Fouweather 13).
School won by 6 wickets.

6th May v. St. Joseph's College.

St. Joseph's 50 (Fouweather 5 for 19, Burrows 3 for 26, Holt 2 for 5).
Baines 44 (Holt 13).
School lost by 6 runs.

10th June v. St. Joseph's College

St. Joseph's 52 (Richmond 5 for 6).
Baines 53 for 6 (Richmond 11, Holt 11, Baxendale 10).
School won by 4 wickets.

17th June v. Arnold School.

Arnold 55 (Fouweather 6 for 14, Burrows 4 for 39).
Baines 57 for 7 (Holt 19, Burrows 12).
School won by 3 wickets.

24th June v. Blackpool G.S.

Blackpool 111 for 9 declared (Richmond 4 for 34).
Baines 46 (Rumke 11, Burrows 10).
School lost by 65 runs.

6th July v. Chorley College of Education

Baines 92 for 5 declared (Leadbetter 43 not out, Croft 12, Richmond 11).
Chorley 57 (Burrows 8 for 29).
School won by 42 runs.

7th July v. Old Boys.

Baines 99 for 5 declared (Fouweather 27 not out, Burrows 23, Richmond 22).
Old Boys 57 for 9 (Burrows 5 for 19, Holt 3 for 30).
Match drawn.

9th July v. Fleetwood G.S.

Baines 109 for 5 declared (Richmond 21, Leadbetter 21, Holt 21).
Fleetwood 83 for 6 (Holt 3 for 22).
Match drawn.

16th July v. Blackpool G.S.

Blackpool 81 for 8 declared (Baxendale 3 for 4, Burrows 3 for 22).
Baines 33 for 3 (Burrows 15 not out).
Match drawn.

19th July v. Fleetwood Corinthians

Fleetwood 113 (Burrows 4 for 32, Holt 3 for 20).
Baines 63 for 7 (Burrows 15, Holt 14, Leadbetter 13, Richmond 12).
Match drawn.

Second Eleven

Played 5, Won 4, Lost 1.

The following have played:—Gilbert (Captain), Castle (Vice-Captain), Hillman, Woodward, Lawton, Wilson, Battle, Haworth, Singleton (M.), Singleton (N.), Lockwood (J.), Holloway, Eccles, Lockwood (W.).

MATCHES PLAYED:

- v. St. Joseph's (home). Won by 4 wickets.
St. Joseph's 58 (Battle 4 for 6, Woodward 4 for 9).
Baines 59 for 6 (Hillman 25 not out).
- v. St. Joseph's (away). Won by 9 wickets.
St. Joseph's 34 (Lawton 5 for 19, Battle 3 for 3).
Baines 35 for 1 (Hillman 22 not out, Lawton 13 not out).
- v. Arnold (away). Won by 73 runs.
Baines 111 for 8 declared (Hillman 36, Castle 20, Haworth 20).
Arnold 38 (Woodward 5 for 13, Lawton 4 for 24).
- v. Blackpool Grammar (away). Won by 25 runs.
Baines 73 (Haworth 15, Singleton, M. 15).
Blackpool 48 (Woodward 5 for 24, Lawton 4 for 22).
- v. Blackpool Grammar (home). Lost by 6 wickets.
Baines 25 (Castle 14).
Blackpool 26 for 4 (Battle 2 for 8).

AVERAGES:

Bowlers		Batsmen	
Woodward	3.25	Hillman	47.5
Lawton	6.6	Haworth	14.3
Battle	1.9	Castle	9.25

Under 14 Eleven

Captain: R. N. DALTON.

RECORD: Played 7, Won 2, Lost 5.

The team beat Fleetwood G.S. on a day of wretched rain in the first match of the season, but failed thereafter to maintain the form which brought them this victory. The bowling was never sufficiently accurate or hostile to guarantee low totals for the batsmen to achieve, and in the face of sometimes daunting opposition totals, the batting lacked at times the necessary resolution.

Good innings were played by Dalton, who scored runs fairly regularly, by Broscombe and Davies who improved markedly as the season progressed, and by Holroyd, whose keenness was most pleasing. Heys played soundly.

Thistlethwaite had a few cheap wickets early on, but never really bowled sufficiently accurately to cause undue concern to batsmen who were not intimidated by his action (shades of D. V. P. Wright!). Broscombe bowled very well in a number of games, always tried hard, maintained his effort over quite long spells and was rewarded with a good bag of wickets.

The fielding was generally competent, and occasionally very good. Few reasonable chances were missed—except in one disastrous game—and one or two difficult catches were made. The throwing, with odd exceptions, was not consistently hard enough and accurate enough to put much pressure on opposition batsmen.

In three of the games we lost, Blackpool G.S. beat us twice after good struggles, and in the other, Fleetwood Grammar School delighted themselves and their highly vocal supporters, and convincingly ended a very lean spell against Baines, by overwhelming us in the last game of the season. Our solitary success after the opening game was achieved against St. Joseph's College.

Team from:—Dalton, Davies, Murphy, Holroyd, Broscombe, Heys, Thistlethwaite, Isham, Hitchen, Owers, Bennett, Porter, Hayward.

J.L.T.

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

After last year's mediocre season, the Senior Team has made a fairly promising start to the year, having won two out of three matches.

The first success was at Barrow, where the team won quite convincingly, overcoming all difficulties to defeat the opposition. The team's first home fixture was against local rivals, St. Joseph's College, and once more the result was encouraging, the win being the result of excellent team-packing.

However, the immediate success was to come to an end when the team suffered a resounding defeat at the hands of King Edward VII (Lytham). Even so, it is early in the season yet, and a number of tough and interesting fixtures lie before us. A good season would be particularly satisfying as cross-country seems to have temporarily faltered in its popularity, the present team being selected from a "nucleus" of only ten athletes. Even so, the team is keen and has the incentive to win, which, we hope, will result in a successful season.

Team Representatives: Kings (Captain), Birtwell, Bradshaw, Brown (S.), Hopwood, Leadbetter, Pegden, Rae and Rostron.

No report would be complete without my thanking Messrs. Lawrenson and Field for their interest and encouragement.

W. D. KINGS, U VI Arts
(Secretary).

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Across: 1. Decapod; 4. Trap; 8. Ale; 9. Moccasin; 13. Icon; 14. Iona; 15. Keg; 16. Cement; 18. Twixt; 20. Eyelid; 23. Erin; 24. Refusal; 27. Oft; 28. Loafer; 30. Crop; 31. Hornbill; 32. Reduce.

Down: 1. Damocles; 2. Cucumber; 3. Plaintiff; 5. Rack; 6. Aloe; 7. Penguin; 10. Sot; 11. In; 12. Narwhal; 17. Exe; 19. Triffids; 21. Leopard; 22. Dutch; 25. Lounge; 26. Error; 29. Relic.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Wednesday, 12th July, 1967

RESULTS:

Junior Events:

100 yds. 1st Forms:	Bradley, P. (F);	Blair (F);	Eastham (Ho).
100 yds. Junior:	Hitchen (W);	Skinner (W);	Davies, R. (Ho)
220 yds.:	Hitchen (W);	Hayward (Ho);	Skinner (W).
440 yds.	Hitchen (W);	Bradley, G. (F);	Eastham (Ho).
880 yds.:	Bradley, G. (F);	Eastham (Ho);	Davies, K. (Ho).
75 yds. Hurdles:	Winston (W);	Davies, R. (Ho);	Wigglesworth (W).
High Jump:	Hitchen (W);	Green (Hi);	Wigglesworth (W).
Long Jump:	Davies, R. (Ho);	Skinner (W);	Wigglesworth (W).
Triple Jump:	Davies, R. (Ho);	Roberts (W);	Hayward (Ho).
Shot:	Davies, R. (Ho);	Brandwood (Ho);	Kippax (F).
Discus:	Kippax (Fo);	Fairclough (Fo);	Hitchen (W).
Javelin:	Brandwood (Ho);	Kippax (Fo);	Fairclough (Fo).
Relay:	Whittington	Founder's.	

Middle School:

100 yds. 3rd Forms:	Wright (Ho);	Dalton (Fo);	Rostron (Ho).
100 yds. Middle:	Porter, M. J. (Hi);	Varley (Ho);	Wright (Ho).
220 yds.:	Wright (Ho);	Lofthouse (Hi);	Porter, M. J. (Hi).
440 yds.:	Varley (Ho);	Maclean (Fo);	Porter, M. J. (Hi).
880 yds.:	Calvey (Fo);	Bromley (Hi);	Morris (W).
1 mile:	Calvey (Fo);	Morris (W);	Holden (Hi).
80 yds. Hurdles:	Maclean (Fo);	Speed (Hi);	Porter, A. A. (W).
High Jump:	Blundell (Ho);	Murphy (W);	Caley (Ho).
Long Jump:	Porter, M. J. (Hi);	Blundell (Ho);	Speed (Hi).
Triple Jump:	Porter, M. J. (Hi);	Lofthouse (Hi);	Speed (Hi).
Shot:	Hartley (Fo);	Fletcher (W);	Calvey (Fo).
Discus:	Valentine (Fo);	Murphy (W);	Bradley (Ho).
Javelin:	Blundell (Ho);	Speed (Hi);	Valentine (Fo).
Relay:	Hodgson;	Hibbert.	

Senior School:

100 yds. 5th Forms:	Crawforth (Hi);	Hamer (Fo);	Kingston (W).
100 yds. Senior:	Eaton (W);	Boydell (Fo);	Caygill (Hi).
220 yds.:	Eaton (W);	Caygill (Hi);	Crawforth (Hi).
440 yds.:	Eaton (W);	Bentham (Hi);	Boydell (Fo).
880 yds.:	Boydell (Fo);	Postlethwaite (W);	Kings (W).
1 mile:	Kings (W);	Johnson (Fo);	Caygill (Hi).
120 yds. Hurdles:	Mercer (Fo);	Head (Ho);	Postlethwaite (W).
High Jump:	Mercer (Fo);	Postlethwaite (W);	Richmond (Fo).
Long Jump:	Mercer (Fo);	Crawforth (Hi);	Fish (Fo).
Triple Jump:	Crawforth (Hi);	Mercer (Fo);	Holt (Hi).
Shot:	Bentham (Hi);	Postlethwaite (W);	Kippax (Fo).
Discus:	Kippax (Fo);	Bentham (Hi);	Pegden (Hi).
Javelin:	Bentham (Hi);	Richmond (Fo);	Caygill (Hi).
Relay:	Hibbert;	Founder's.	

House Championship:

1. Founder's	318½ pts.
2. Whittington	262 pts.
3. Hibbert	260 pts.
4. Hodgson	237½ pts.

Best Loser's Cup:

Davies, R.

Individual Championship:

Junior:	1. Hitchen	21 pts.
	2. Davies, R.	19 pts.
Middle:	1. Porter, M. J.	17 pts.
	2. Blundell	13 pts.
Senior:	1. Mercer	18 pts.
	2. Bentham	16 pts.

FOOTBALL, 1967-8

Captain: G. POSTLETHWAITE.

Vice-Captain: D. G. BURROWS.

RESULTS:

v. Old Boys' XI (home) ....	....	....	....	Won	3—2
v. Clitheroe (away) ....	....	....	....	Drawn	1—1
v. Haslingden (away) ....	....	....	....	Won	3—0
v. Barrow (away) ....	....	....	....	Won	6—0
v. Hathershaw (home) ....	....	....	....	Lost	2—3
v. Bolton (home) ....	....	....	....	Lost	1—4
v. St. Martin's College (home) ....	....	....	....	Won	6—1
v. Q.E.G.S., Blackburn (home) ....	....	....	....	Drawn	1—1

RECORD:

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
8	4	2	2	23	12

Team: Bamber, Baxendale, Valentine (1), Postlethwaite (2), Eaton, Holt, Burrows, Wilson (3), Mercer (7), Caygill (5), Redhead (5).

Also played: Hillman, Porter, Clinning, Lofthouse.

Senior School

The First Eleven this year has suffered from the successes of the past two seasons, during which the team had been undefeated, and, indeed, the most dreaded in the county. Although six of last year's successful team have returned, constant experimenting has been necessary to fill the other places and find the best formation. Only one besides the six from last year had had experience at even second eleven level. However, it seems at last that a formation has been found that, although it may not win every game, will give the opposition a good run for their money. The only regret is that the proud record of Baines had to be surrendered in the process.

The first game of the season was a tough fixture against an Old Boys' Eleven. The Old Boys fielded a very experienced team and the School team was justifiably proud of itself when the final whistle blew. The first School game was a renewal of our old rivalry with Clitheroe. In a close and exciting game the honours were shared, a feature that has been common in our games with this school. The team then enjoyed pleasing success, but all our dreams of being undefeated again were dashed in our game with Hathershaw. Although the team sportingly accepted defeat by a good team we were annoyed with ourselves because they were not better than we were. The following week we ran up against Bolton School, probably our successors as "unofficial champions of Lancashire." Although the scoreline was heavily in favour of Bolton, the team can feel proud that they fought in difficult circumstances for the whole ninety minutes without conceding defeat.

The prospects, however, again look prosperous, and we must all remember that individuals do not win games and this year particularly a genuine all round team effort is required.

However, we must acknowledge the successes of certain members of the team. Bamber (whose return has proved to be most advantageous to the team), Baxendale (as usual turning in a good all round performance), Mercer (whose skill and goalscoring ability have proved to be a headache to many teams), and Caygill (as boisterous as ever), have all been selected for the North Lancs. Grammar Schools' Eleven. We wish them all luck for further successes.

The whole team gratefully acknowledge the help and encouragement we have had from Mr. Pryce and Mr. Field, and we all appreciate the faithful services of I. C. Shaw and A. Shakespeare as linesmen. Although the elements have been very much against him, we are also thankful for the time Mr. Huggins puts in on the maintenance of the pitch.

G. POSTLETHWAITE, U VI Arts.

Second Eleven

RESULTS:

v. Clitheroe ....	....	....	....	....	Drawn	5—5
v. Barrow ....	....	....	....	....	Won	1—0
v. Bolton ....	....	....	....	....	Lost	8—1
v. St. Martin's ....	....	....	....	....	Won	5—3
v. Poulton T.C. ....	....	....	....	....	Won	7—1

Team: Hillman; Hill, Porter, Cowell, Hulmes; Clinning (1), Archer (2); Lofthouse (2), Lawton (2), Wylie (Captain) (6), Speed (2).

Also played: Murty, Phillipson, Valentine, Sharrock, Lockwood (1), Laycock. (Goals in parentheses).

J. WYLIE, V M.

Under 14 Eleven

Captain: R. DAVIES.

RESULTS:

Inter-Grammar:

v. Clitheroe (home) ....	....	....	....	....	Won	11—0
v. Haslingden (away) ....	....	....	....	....	Drawn	2—2
v. Barrow (away) ....	....	....	....	....	Lost	1—5
v. Hathershaw (home) ....	....	....	....	....	Won	5—0
v. Bolton (away) ....	....	....	....	....	Won	2—1
v. Blackburn (home) ....	....	....	....	....	Won	3—2

Friendlies:

v. Thornton Cleveleys (away) ....	....	....	....	....	Lost	3—5
v. Hodgson (away) ....	....	....	....	....	Lost	2—3
v. Hodgson (home) ....	....	....	....	....	Won	8—3

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
9	5	1	3	37	21

Team: Johnston; Irving, Swift, Hitchen (3), Maddox; Davies, R. (9); Hayward (3), Davies, K. (1), Kitchen (2), Owers (10), Roskell (1).

Also played: Rae (3), Wells, Wright (2), Fairclough (2).

On the whole a satisfactory start to the season has been made, but this does not mean there is no room for improvement. In the first match Clitheroe were convincingly beaten, but in the following games this form was not quite maintained. The team has several outstanding individuals, but only with greater determination in the tackle and a greater willingness to run until the final whistle will they achieve real success.

Hayward has always played well, but only Davies (R.) and Owers have consistently scored goals. It is hoped that Wright, fit again after injury, will solve this problem.

J.T.B.

Under 13 Eleven

Captain: A. WRIGHT.

Because of the bad weather and the loss of some external fixtures, only three games have been played as we go to press. A heavy defeat at Clitheroe was followed by good wins against Our Lady's and Bolton, attributable in part to the fairly flexible 4-2-4 system which is proving suitable for this team's particular abilities.

RESULTS:

v. Clitheroe (away)	.....	.....	.....	Lost	2—8
v. Our Lady's, Lancaster (home)	.....	.....	.....	Won	8—2
v. Bolton (home)	.....	.....	.....	Won	2—1

Regular team and scorers: Singleton; Wolstencroft, Jackson, Keitch, Clark; Wright, Fairclough (3); Blair (2), Critchley (2), Birtwistle (5), Bradley.

Under 12 Eleven

Captain: D. J. BAKER.

This team shows considerable promise, especially in scoring power, with lively forwards willing to challenge and shoot. The defence is at present conceding too many goals through hesitancy in tackling and clearing, and if progress is to be made, more intelligence must be shown by some defenders in following the lead of the captain. Five games won out of six, nevertheless, have given an encouraging start, and the team is eager to learn and improve.

RESULTS:

Inter-Grammar:

v. Clitheroe (home)	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	6—2
v. Our Lady's Lancaster	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	5—0
v. Bolton (away)	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	3—6
v. Blackburn (home)	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	10—5

Local Friendlies:

v. Hodgson (home)	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	4—1
v. Hodgson (away)	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	3—0

The following have played: Wilkinson, Castle; Buglass, Coupe, Hankey; France, Atherton (1), Baker, Milner; Burton (2), Moore (6), Critchley (7), Harper (1), Hargreaves (5), Hutson (6).

H.E.T.

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EDITORIAL

Our last report gave the stop-press news of the death of Vice-President J. R. Middlehurst and of W. Hargreaves. James Reginald Middlehurst, who was 67, spent his career with Williams Deacon's Bank in various towns in the North, and returned to live here on retiring. He had been a very active member and a Vice-President for many years, declining the Presidency on grounds of a physical difficulty soon after returning to Poulton.

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W. Hargreaves, who left in the 1920's, was also a bank manager; he was in office at the District Bank, Barrow-in-Furness, at the time of his death.

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Old Boys of the 1950's will be shocked to read elsewhere of the death of the senior mathematics master, Mr. Cardy, after an operation. Many have cause to be grateful for his guidance, and he was always one of the first masters to be sought out by Old Boys returning to School. He usually attended the Dinner and his interest in Old Boys was very real. The Association's sympathy goes out to Mrs. Cardy and John, who is at Cambridge.

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Another premature death was that of Ian C. Connor, who was killed in an accident a few days after the end of the summer term, in which he sat the G.C.E. examination.

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Looking out over the sodden playing fields (a good deal of which we have just removed from our football boots) we find it hard to realise that only four months ago cricket was played in ideal conditions, when the Old Boys fielded against School the following formidable team: T. Rigby (captain), D. Brown, G. Clarkson, D. Ellacott, F. Knapman, J. Mitchell, I. Miller, T. Scott, G. Walker, D. Wood and A. Marsden. The School put up a tremendous show, declaring at 100 for 6, which set a "time and motion" problem for the Old Boys. Apart from Geoff Clarkson's 23, the batting did not come up to expectations, and the end of play saw only 57 on the board for nine wickets. A most enjoyable game to watch, with skill and excitement in abundance, and a very creditable draw for the School.

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The visit to the Winter Gardens on 8th July was not so well attended as last year, some thirty being present at the Opera House show and dinner in the Baronial Hall. It was good to see George Brimelow well enough to take part during his long convalescence, not to mention a conscientious appearance at a committee meeting in September.

There was a Bowling and Snooker evening at the Elletson Street Club on 20th July, when a group of about 20 Old Boys, both veterans and novices, who would not have been so arrogant as to assume the title of "team," made an honourable draw against a much more experienced Club side. We understand that both teams (there, let's be magnanimous), thoroughly earned the excellent supper which followed the snooker.

PERSONALIA

First we must apologize to Peter and Gwenda Smith for referring to "daughter" Lakey's arrival. Lakey it was, but we momentarily overlooked the other names, William and Morgan, which indicate the correct gender. Next, we congratulate Peter on the award of the degree of M.Litt. (Dunelm) and his appointment as Assistant Vice-Chancellor of the Division of Humanities at the University of California at Santa Cruz. As he explains in a six page bulletin describing the family's recent vicissitudes, there is at present no Vice-Chancellor for him to assist, "which gives me greater responsibility than I would otherwise have." With the bulletin came a booklet prepared by Peter for prospective students at Santa Cruz, from which can be surmised the exciting challenge of a diversely experimental atmosphere which is giving ample scope for his talents. (One heart-warming feature of this book, for us at least, is a picture of Californian students playing SOCCER. Has P.D.S. been proselytizing?).

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Congratulations also to Dr. Paul Williams, younger son of the immediate Past President, on his appointment as Principal Scientific Officer at Harwell. Paul is the youngest to hold this office and has attained it much earlier than is usual.

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A record-breaking R.A.F. flight-refuelling operation to the Far East involved F/O. Barry Raphael, an air electronics officer with No. 55 Squadron (Victor tankers). Raphael, who joined the R.A.F. in 1962, assisted in the deployment of Lightning fighters over 8,000 miles in 21 hours' flying time.

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Peter Schofield, who was on the Committee for some years, has been appointed Head of the Chemistry Department at Urmston Girls' Grammar School. We trust his enthusiasm for School soccer will in due course promote fixtures between U.G.G.S. and B.G.S.!

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Stuart Howarth, who has just completed his four-year course at Salford with a Class II Div. I honours degree in Chemistry, is continuing at the University in a Ph.D. degree course in surface chemistry.

For Your Diary

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held, all being well, on 17th February at the Savoy Hotel, Blackpool, and a Southern Section Dinner is being provisionally arranged for 23rd March, when Blackpool are visiting Queen's Park Rangers (as prophesied in our last issue) in what could be a crucial Championship game if both teams maintain their current challenge. Whether this function will be a success (or even an entity) must depend on better support from the South. Will all Southrons and others interested please give preliminary notice to George Curwen, who will supply details.

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